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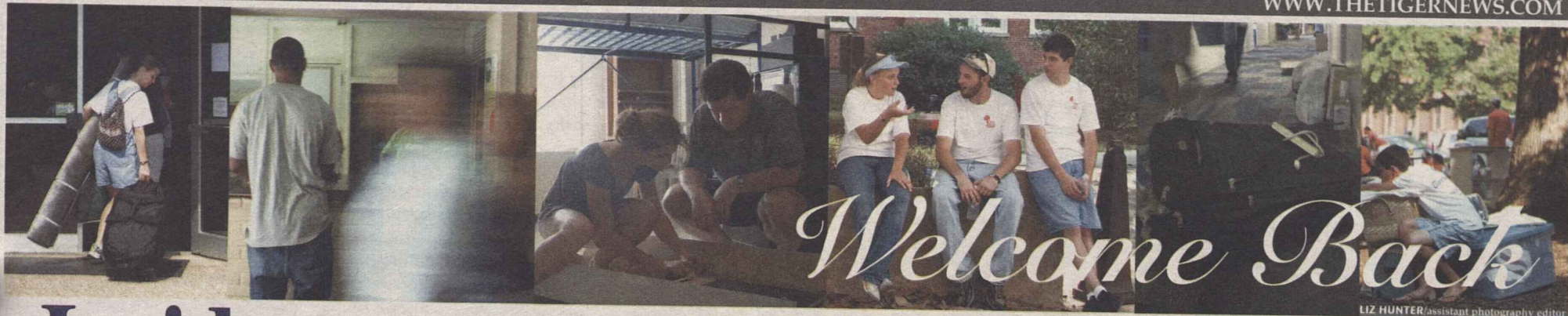
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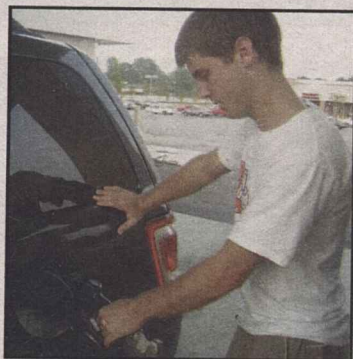
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Football tradition sparks controversy

Environmentalists
challenge CS student
organization's littering.

JENNIFER SALANE
NEWS EDITOR

What would a home football
game be in Death Valley without
the traditional release of thou-
sands of colorful balloons?

Though this is not something
that many imagine, the question
of whether or not to continue
such a popular tradition hit the
fan in recent weeks.

"Due to increasing con-
cerns from spectators about the
environmental concerns of lit-
ter from the balloon releases at
Clemson University home foot-
ball games, President Barker

charged Central Spirit to con-
duct research about the envi-
ronmental hazards of balloons
and then present them in front
of the Academic Council," said
Tim Wells, former president of
Central Spirit.

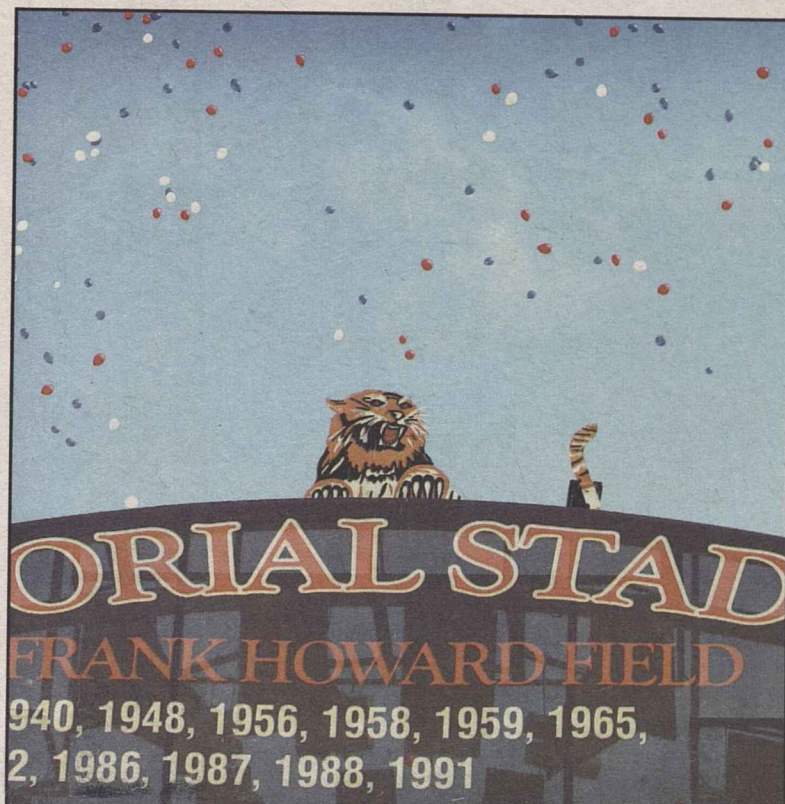
Central Spirit presented
their research to the Academic
Council on April 23.

Each year, the members
of Central Spirit blow up and
release approximately 60,000-
80,000 balloons from a com-
bined total of seven home foot-
ball games.

"Central Spirit uses only 100
percent biodegradable latex bal-
loons, the approved standard for
balloon releases," Wells said.

"These balloons rise approx-

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CHRIS CANTRELL / photographer

FLY LIKE AN EAGLE: Purple, Orange and White balloons are
released at the East End of Death Valley at every homegame.

CU reaches Top 30 rankings

After striving to reach high
levels, students and faculty
get a pat on the back.

JONATHAN YONGUE
STAFF WRITER

Clemson University reached
its highest ranking to date in the
U.S. News and World Report's
top public research universities.

Last year, Clemson ranked
30 in the annual ranking, but
this year Clemson ranked 27,
tied with Miami University
(Ohio), in the list of the 164
included universities.

"Your dedication and hard
work have pulled us up that
list," President James F. Barker
said in his welcome back letter
to students and faculty.

"Our desire to be a top-
ranked university has nothing
to do with impressing magazine
readers. It is a means to an end,
a shorthand way to look at a
complex web of measures that
are important."

Barker mentioned several
areas in his letter that were
improved upon in the last
year, including student to fac-
ulty ratios, class size, freshman
retention rates, graduation rates
and faculty resources.

More specifically, Clemson
had the largest number of fresh-
man applicants with 14,257, for
the 2007-2008 academic year.

Among the 2,800 freshmen
who eventually enrolled, the
highest amount of students in
the top 10 percent of their high
school graduating class went

up to 47 percent from 45 per-
cent the previous year, making
this one of "our strongest fresh-
man classes ever," according to
President Barker.

Aside from the freshman
class, the number of graduate
school applicants also grew.

The University, along with
opening a Clemson University
Brussels Center in Europe, also
saw an increase in the number
of students choosing to study
abroad.

The amount of classes with
less than 20 students increased
for the 2006-2007 year, up to
43 percent from 39 percent the
previous year.

Barker listed a record total
of \$113.9 million in private
academic and athletic gifts, a

growth in the number of IPTAY
donors and another increase in
state funding.

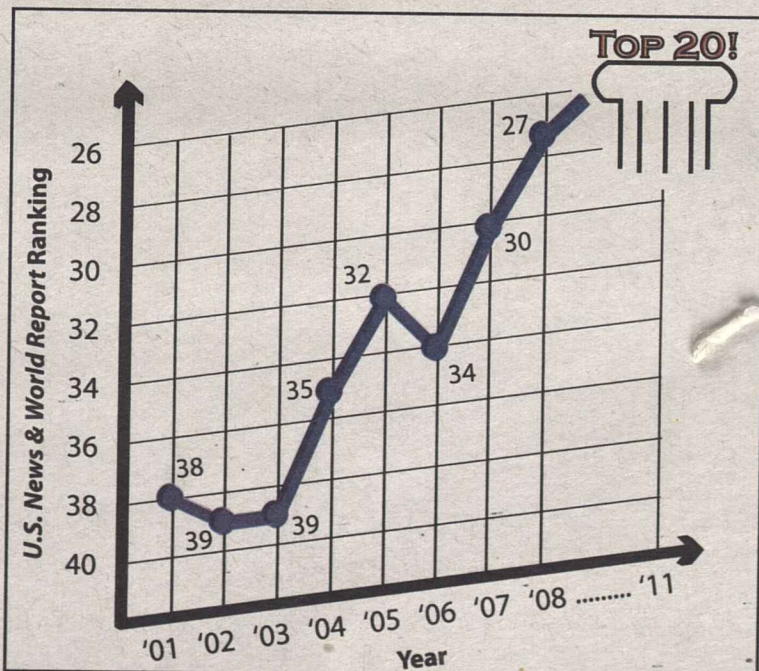
The South Carolina General
Assembly gave Clemson a boost
for the second year in a row,
allowing tuition increases to be
at a minimum.

The rankings placed the
University of California-
Berkeley in the top spot.

Clemson placed right above
Michigan State, University of
Delaware and the University
of Minnesota-Twin Cities,
but below the Universities of
Connecticut and Iowa and Purdue
University-West Lafayette.

Clemson's engineering pro-
gram ranked 57 among the top

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ALLISON FRANK / graphics

Tri-Delta voices concern

National Tri-Delta members
respond to a stereotypical
representation.

CAROLINE GARMON
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Clemson students may choose
to relax on Monday nights after the
week's first round of classes with
prime time television shows such
as "The Hills," "How I Met Your
Mother," and "Greek."

Airing at 9 p.m. Eastern Time,
ABC Family's series "Greek"
depicts the lives of college students
involved in fictional sororities and
fraternities.

According to a member of the
Domino Group for sorority Delta
Delta Delta, Jenny Gilcrest, the
show has grown so much in popu-
larity over the summer that it was
the number one television download
on iTunes. As a result of such high
demand for the show, ABC Family
produced 10 additional episodes,
and the episodes will run into 2008.
Gilcrest expects that parents and
students watch the show for the first
time this fall because of their curios-
ity about the Greek system.

International President the
Delta Delta Delta sorority, Michelle
Shimberg, says that ABC Family's
"Greek" has relied on sorority and
fraternity stereotypes to portray the

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Graduation credit requirements continue to change

Clemson shifts to a new system of credit hours for graduation.

CAITLIN GREELY
STAFF WRITER

An average undergraduate student at Clemson, one spends many nights contemplating the chances of actually graduating within the standard eight semester, four year itinerary.

Until this academic year, students not seeking a degree in the

engineering field needed an average of 120 credit hours to be eligible for graduation.

Engineering and architecture students were required to earn approximately 130 hours before qualifying for a bachelor's degree, making it understandable that most of these blossoming professionals spend at least five years as a full-time undergraduate.

These figures create eight rigorous semesters, and a student can rule out anything less than a four-year stay if they change majors or drop a class while not taking summer

courses or falling under academic probation for a semester.

But, if the road to one's degree seems demanding enough, get ready; the numbers are changing. Beginning this academic term, the average non-engineering student will be required to complete 124 credit hours, and engineering students will still need around 130 to 140 hours before becoming eligible for graduation.

Even if a student's required credit hour number remains the same, many curricula have adjusted or changed when required courses

should be taken, and some have dropped elective hours.

To better understand the reason for these changes, it is first necessary to have a good idea of how the University's curriculum policy works.

The Clemson University Undergraduate Announcements book is where each program of study fully explains what classes are recommended of students to take over the course of eight semesters to guarantee graduation in four years. These plans remained relatively unaltered until this term.

Now, even if a student's credit hour requirement is the same, there is a possibility that their program of study has undergone alterations.

According to Clemson's registrar, Stan Smith, students were averaging 130 to 140 credit hours before graduation 20 years ago, especially in pre-professional degree programs.

"On the surface it seems that an eight-semester degree plan would be easier to accomplish if a student only needs 120 credit hours to graduate," Smith said. "But, in reality, the curricula have shrunk, and there are fewer peculiarities in determining General Education requirements, which possibly make the process easier."

Smith also mentioned that while all new students coming under a degree program will be subject to the new requirements, continuing undergraduates are generally given a choice by their academic department

as to whether or not they would like to commit to the changes.

Credit hour requirements to earn senior status also changed this term. Beginning on Aug. 15, 2007, students only needed 90 credits rather than 95 to be classified as a senior. Mr. Smith stated that in former years students in their seventh semester who had earned between 90 and 95 hours would be considered juniors; thus, they would still graduate on-time but would only be considered a senior for one semester.

The new 90-credit hour policy allows many of these students to enjoy the benefits of senior status, such as receiving a class ring and earlier athletic ticket distribution, for two full semesters.

Under the new scale, students who have earned 0 to 29 credit hours are considered freshmen, 30 to 59 credits are considered sophomores, 60 to 89 credits are juniors and 90 or more credits are given senior status.

Because the degree program itineraries the University establishes are merely guides for students to follow, it is essentially the responsibility of students to personalize their plan.

It is recommended that each individual student compare the degree path and credit hour requirements he or she has followed in past semesters to those listed in the new undergraduate announcements guide to guarantee a timely path towards a degree and fewer discrepancies in the closing semesters before graduation.

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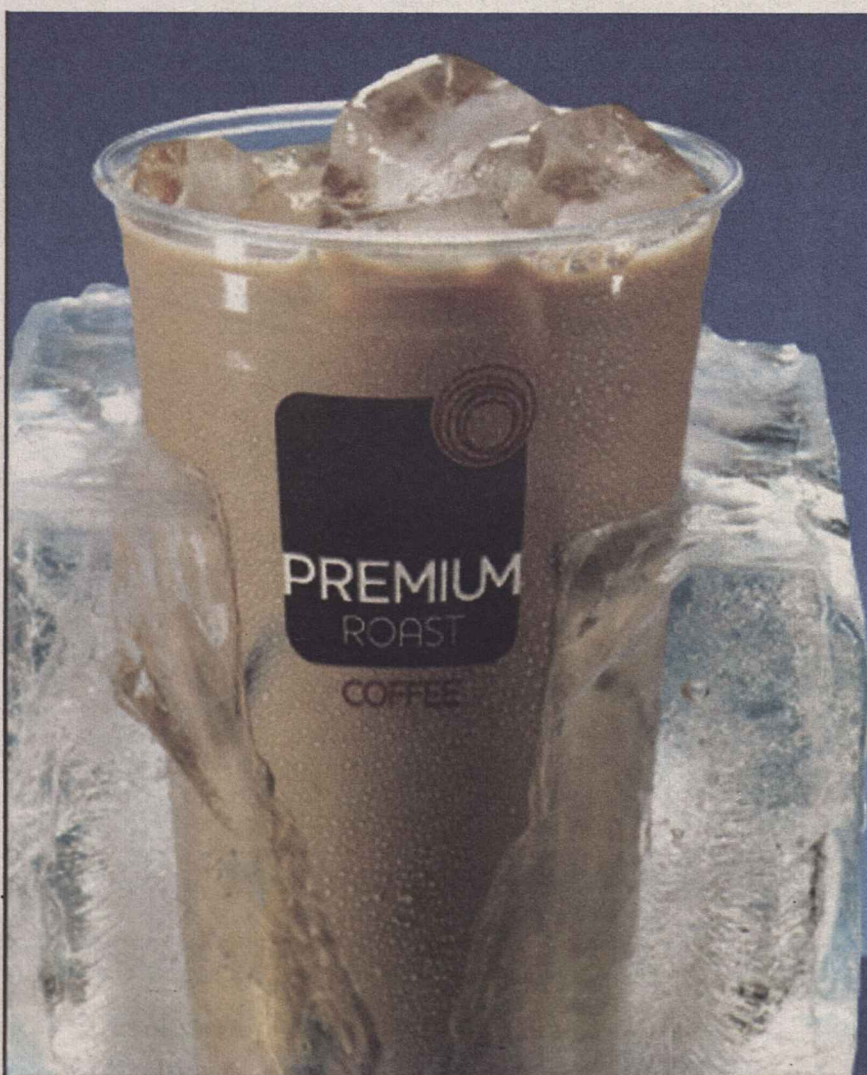
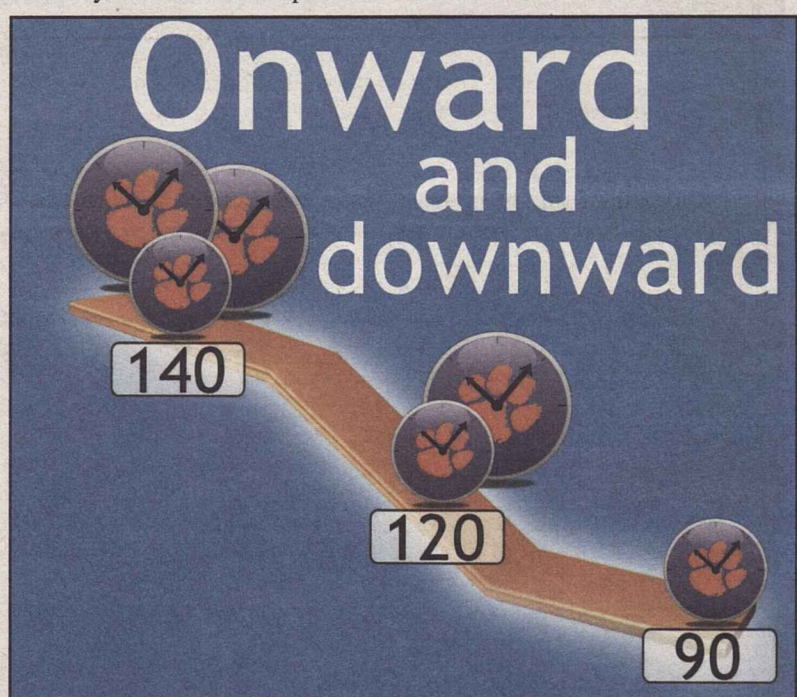
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OUT OF GAS?

Grab your bike, walking shoes or moped and hit the road!

BY JENNIFER SALANE

Have you found yourself searching for alternative modes of transportation to get to and from your destinations recently? Perhaps running the air condition-

ment against lice and lice eggs. This treatment is no longer used because of fire hazards.

Gasoline was also used as a means for removing grease stains

percentage is more than twice as much as the 2.5 percent per capita income spent by residents in Connecticut, the least susceptible state.

On a national level, comparatively, South Carolina spends 35 percent more on gas than any other state. Generally, the most vulnerable states are in the South and the least vulnerable states are in the Northeast.

In another current ranking, research shows that while some states are acting strongly to promote solutions for gasoline problems, such as clean cars, clean fuels, smart growth and alternative modes of transportation, other states are hardly taking any action at all.

As the summer high temperatures continue to rise throughout the latter months of the season, America's addiction to oil continues to threaten the American economic viability, national security and environmental health.

While Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming are doing the least to lower their dependence on oil, California, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island and Washington are doing the most.

On the home front, the Clemson area provides several alternative modes of transportation for residents, particularly students located within five miles of campus, to use.

The first alternate way for a student to transport themselves to campus, or whatever destination in the area that they need to reach, is to use the CAT Bus system.

The CAT Bus makes stops at or near all of the major apartment complexes along Highway 93, as well as those along Issaqueena Trail.

Each bus operates on a timely schedule, so students are always guaranteed a way to get somewhere if they do not want to use their own gas, or just do not want to drive.

The simplest method of trans-

portation is walking. There is no sort of engine, wheel or key involved, just the motivation and determination to make it somewhere on foot.

While it's not so easy to travel on foot for long distances in the heat, such as to-and-from campus for off-campus residents, making an effort to walk to the local grocery store to pick up a few things instead of drive, or even walk to the local restaurants to grab a bite to eat is one step closer to saving money and the environment.

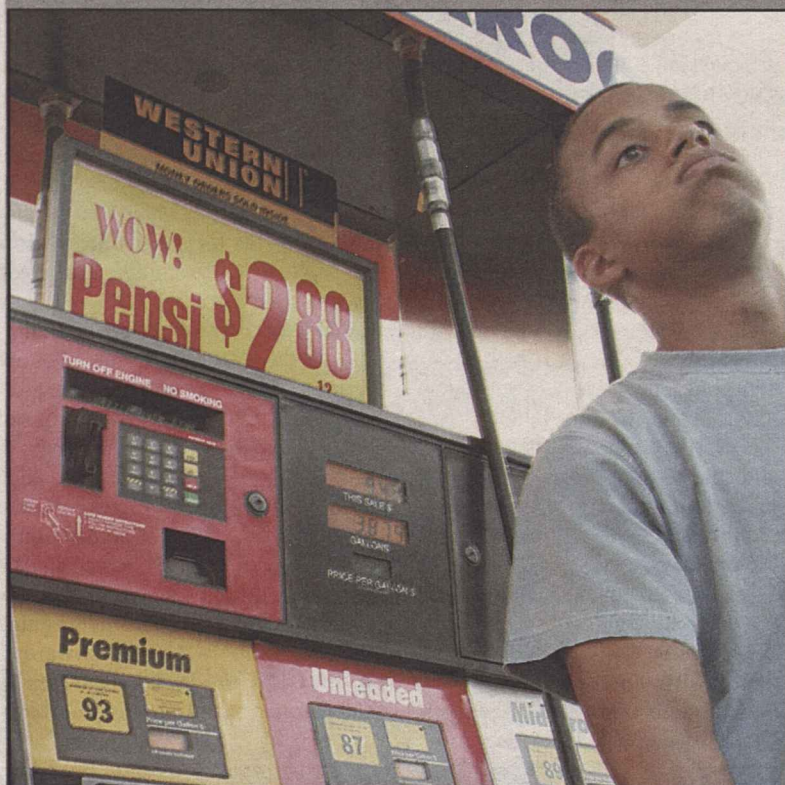
"I live at Daniel Square, which is pretty close to campus, so technically I could drive my car to the building I need to go to on campus, but I choose to walk instead," said Carly Hackett, a junior studying Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management. "I would rather walk anyway. It's relaxing, allows

get anywhere between 70 and 90 miles per gallon with my moped," said Garrett Purvis, a senior studying mechanical engineering. "I mean, to fill up my Jeep it cost on average about \$40-\$45 and with my moped it cost me anywhere from \$2-\$3."

People that are "too cool" to use mopeds are the same type of people who have never experienced the joy of the open road at a fraction of the price of a larger tank of gas in a car, according to Purvis.

Hybrid automobiles have also become increasingly popular, especially in relation to environmental safety and health issues and concerns. Those who chose to purchase hybrid automobiles are leading the nation to being one step closer green.

Much of the student popula-



RACHEL GLENN

ing in your car on the way to your 2:30 p.m. class is just not cutting it with the gas tank? If any of this sounds familiar, the following information might enlighten you.

Although South Carolina is known for having some of the lowest gas prices in the United States, a recent report shows that South Carolina is ranked among the most vulnerable states to rising gas prices.

It seems as that gas prices have decreased significantly at some locations, though. At the Wal-Mart gas station, the Ingles gas station, and the Exxon on Highway 93, the average price for a tank of unleaded fuel is between \$2.41 and \$2.43, and these are only a few of the several other gas stations subject to be named.

Before gasoline was actually used to fuel automobiles, and before internal-combustion engines were invented in the mid-19th century, gasoline was sold in small bottles to use for treat-

from clothing, in kitchen ranges and for lighting. Gasoline is still available for purchase in the form of camping fuel or white gas to use in lanterns and portable stoves.

In 2003, the United States consumed more than 476 billion liters per year, which is about 360 million U.S. liquid gallons of gasoline each day. The United States used approximately 521 billion liters or 137 billion gallons, of gasoline in 2006, 5.6 percent of which was mid-grade and 9.5 percent of which was premium grade.

Because the price of gasoline in the United States is due to the cost of oil rather than taxes, the cost of a tank of gas is more likely to fluctuate in the states than anywhere else, when calculated as a percentage of cost-per-unit.

According to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) rankings, the citizens of South Carolina spend an average of almost six percent of their per capita income on gasoline. This



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me to get a little exercise and I save on gas expenses."

If you have one of those bicycles that managed to travel with you throughout your college career and to sit in the corner of your living room, or if you are an avid biker, pull it out and use it as the temperature begins to fall as the autumn months approach.

Although it is hot in the Upstate right now, with record high temperatures now-and-then, riding a bicycle should not be ruled out of your alternative transportation options.

There are sidewalks along Highway 93 that make the journey biker-friendly from apartment complexes located towards Central. There are also other various bike paths and sidewalks along Highway 123 and surrounding roads.

On campus, a bike is probably one of the most convenient modes of transportation, as well. There are places to lock your bike up while you are not using it, with racks near most academic buildings.

One step up from a bicycle is a moped, which is a recent trend with Clemson students. Although mopeds still use gasoline, they do not use as much as a regular automobile.

Several students choose mopeds for this reason, but also because mopeds are easy to navigate around campus and on main roads. "I get 15 miles per gallon in my Jeep Wrangler and I

tion has put these methods of transportation into action in their personal lives, although one student does not feel the need to pay much attention to gas prices.

"Honestly, I don't ever worry about gas prices," said Sharon Reese, a senior studying English. "In fact, I don't even look at the price of gas per gallon or my total when I fill up the tank. I swipe my card, fill up my car and toss the receipt in my middle console. Regardless of gas prices rising or falling, I'm not willing to not drive my car."

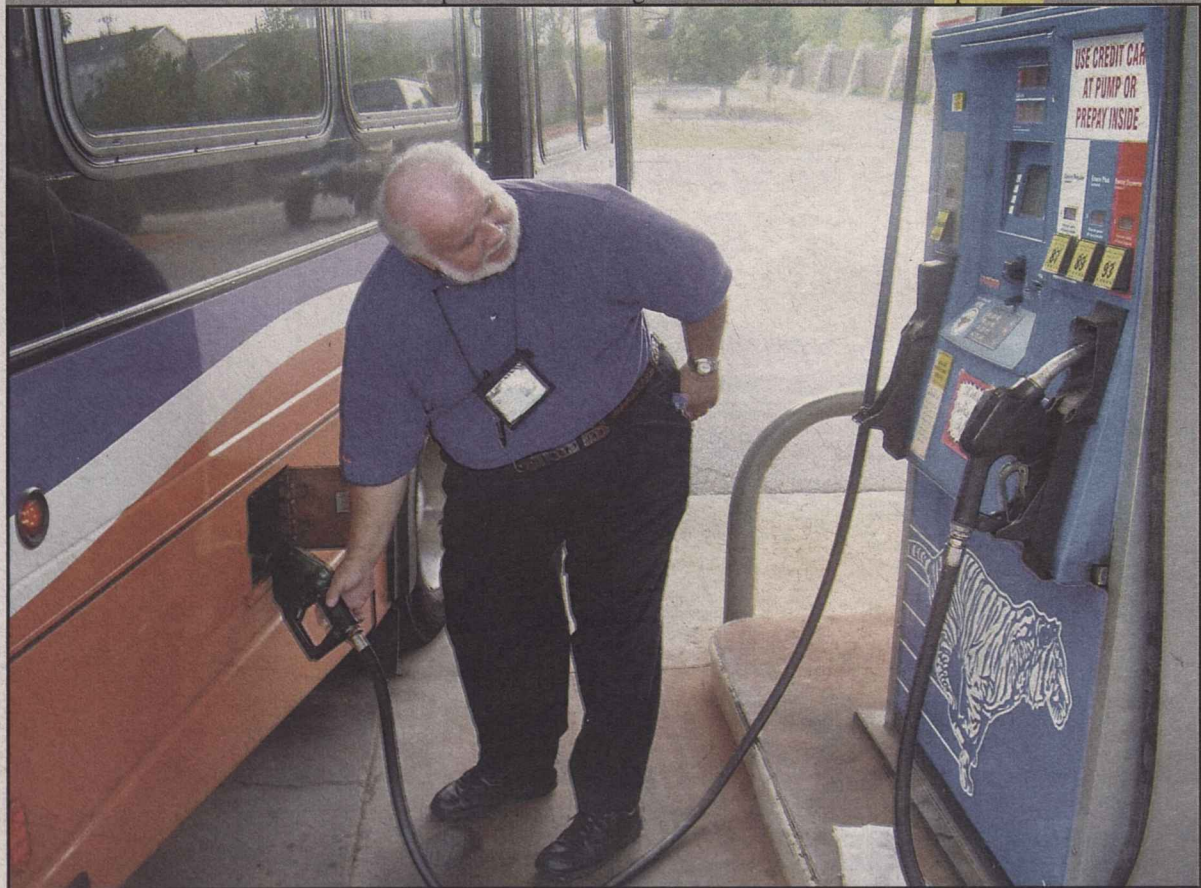
Some students are able to use two different methods of transportation at one time in order to save gas.

David Myers, a graduate student studying civil engineering, uses his feet and bike to get to-and-from campus, work and his home in downtown Clemson.

"Although gas prices are slowly going down, they still spike at times," David Myers, a graduate student studying civil engineering, said.

"I moved closer to campus to give myself the opportunity to experiment with other modes."

So next time you are thinking of running to the local grocery store, doing errands on campus or just taking a stroll outside, try to use a bike, moped, CAT Bus or even your own feet to help the environment, break from oil dependence and protect yourself and your fellow citizens from rising gas prices.



CHEESON PARKER

Weekly World Update

National Report

■ **A prisoner freed, a dollar earned:** Work-release centers in Florida are proposing the release of 3,000 low-risk prisoners in hopes of saving the state taxpayers \$25 million in one fiscal year and \$34 million the following year. Florida residents are uneasy about the idea. "If they did the crime, they should do all their time--bed space or not," said resident James Hack. Proponents say that inmates would end up in halfway houses or supervised treatment programs, not the street. "We're trying to integrate them back into the work world," said Rep. Terry Fields. The release would not include sex offenders or inmates with a history of domestic violence.

■ **Former astronaut pleads insanity for kidnapping, assault charges:** Attorneys of the former National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) astronaut, Lisa Marie Nowak, filed a notice with the court that Nowak is pursuing an insanity defense at her trial. Nowak has pleaded not guilty to the charges of attempted kidnapping, battery and burglary with assault of fellow astronaut Colleen Shipman in an Orlando International Airport parking lot last February. The case involves a confrontation sparked by a love triangle between Nowak, Shipman and former astronaut Bill Oefelein.

■ **Convicted murderer linked to unsolved crime:** Nearly a quarter of a century after the murder of 14-year-old Lisa Chambers in Idaho, investigators have linked DNA evidence to Wesley Allen Tuttle. Tuttle is a convicted murderer serving time in a Utah prison. On Nov. 11, 1982, authorities received a lead from a woman who said she saw Tuttle's truck parked alongside the road, near the cornfield where the body of Chambers was found on Thanksgiving of 1982. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled with her shoelace. Detectives dismissed the tip because Tuttle did not have a connection to Chambers' family, and he was actually spotted farther away from where her body was discovered.

World Report

■ **China's finance minister resigns:** Jin Renqing resigned from his influential position for personal reasons during an inflation concern this week. He was reappointed to deputy director of the Development Research Center of the State. During his four-year tenure, the Chinese foreign currency reserve were unstable and saw the growth of a massive trade deficit between China and the U.S., putting pressure on the nation to revalue its currency. Jin did take effective measures against tax evasion by the rich. Hong Kong media reported Jin would be replaced by Xie Xuren, the current tax administration director. Jin was one of approximately 200 members of the Communist Party Central Committee and was formerly head of the State Administration of Taxation.

■ **Ten arrested in the slaying of Russian journalist:** Moscow authorities arrested and charged 10 people in the murder of a Russian journalist, and critic of the Kremlin Anna Politkovskaya. Her death on Oct. 6, 2006 raised awareness abroad about the safety of reporters in Russia. Politkovskaya was chronicling the killing and torture of civilians by Russian servicemen in Chechnya. She also wrote a book that criticized Putin and his military campaign in Chechnya, documenting the abuse of civilians by government troops. Prosecutor General Yuri Chaika did not identify the 10 people who were arrested, nor disclose where they were detained.

■ **Greek villagers rescued by helicopter:** A helicopter airlifted five residents of Prasadaki, Greece to safety on Monday, August 27, 2007. The dozens of fires that have roared across the Greek countryside have killed 63 people in a span of four days. One fire started outside of Athens on Monday was brought under control by firefighters. Another fire destroyed the woods around the birthplace of the Olympics. Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis claims that so many fires breaking out simultaneously in separate parts of the country cannot merely be a coincidence.



:30 seconds with...

Jessica Commoli
PETA's Sexiest Vegetarian
Next Door

Caroline Rash: What would you say to someone who is skeptical of the reasons for being a vegetarian?

Jessica Commoli: So many people try to use the "food chain" to justify that it's only natural for us to eat animals. But there's nothing natural about today's factory farming system. Animals raised on modern factory farms are kept in filthy, cramped conditions. They are pumped with drugs, genetically altered to make them grow to crippling sizes, and are often mutilated without pain relief. If done to a cat or dog, these acts could send someone to jail on felony charges. Also, without the saturated fat, cholesterol and contaminants found in animal products, a vegetarian diet can significantly lower your risk of heart disease, cancer, strokes, osteoporosis, Alzheimer's, asthma and obesity.

CR: Define sexy.

JC: In order for someone to be sexy, they have to have compassion. That's why vegetarianism is sexy. If someone refuses to eat animals because they love them, it really tells me something about them.

CR: What do you think is sexiest about yourself?

JC: I'm not quite sure how to answer this one. What I can say is that I think one of my better qualities is that I am very passionate about the things that I believe in.

CR: What do you plan to do to help with animal rights?

JC: By helping to educate the public about the basic principle of equality -- which Peter Singer, author of *Animal Liberation*, says requires equal consideration, not equal treatment - I hope to raise awareness about why animals should have rights. In other words, animals may not always deserve the same rights as humans (for instance, the right to vote or the right to hold public office), but they do deserve the right to live without unnecessary pain and suffering -- because all animals, including humans, have the same ability to feel pain.

On this day in history... August 31

1886: The largest earthquake in southeastern United States history strikes near Charleston, S. C. and leaves more than 100 dead.

1887: Thomas Edison received a patent for his Kinetoscope, and moving pictures were born.

1997: Princess Diana and her companion Dodi al-Fayed were killed in a car accident in Paris.

News By Numbers

4 amount, in dollars, that a robber demanded while holding his victim at knife point, and when his victim gave him a \$10 bill, the robber asked him for correct change.

17 age of a boy who hacked an iPhone, so that it could be used with cellular networks other than AT&T.

765 the number of hugs a Utah woman gave in one hour in hopes of breaking the current world record of 612 hugs given in one hour.

CREATION vs. EVOLUTION

and

CHALLENGE the CHESS MASTER

Several Christian Clemson University campus ministries are privileged to welcome Dr. Jonathan Sarfati, an internationally known scientist, speaker, author and chess master.

Dr. Sarfati is a much-sought-after spokesman on creation science and how evolution impacts our culture. He is one of the co-editors and contributors to *Creation* magazine and the scientifically peer-reviewed *Journal of Creation*. He is also a world renowned chess master, playing 30 at a time (and for fun 10 blindfolded).

**Tuesday,
September 4th**

**"CHESS MASTER
CHALLENGE"**

Who is Invited? All Clemson students, faculty, staff and community members

When: 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Where: Baptist Collegiate Ministry Building

What: Challenge (or watch) one of the great chess masters of our time! Free pizza dinner.

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Wednesday, September 5th

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Lecture and Q. & A.

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All Clemson students, faculty, staff & community members invited!

**Wednesday,
September 5th**

**"ORIGINS: THE BEST
OF THE STORY"**

Who is Invited? Clemson faculty and staff

When: Two sessions
11:15 - 11:45 AM
and
12:15 - 12:45 PM

Where: Classroom F-149, Poole Agricultural Center

What: Lecture, lunch and Q. & A. with Dr. Sarfati



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Students question ticket distribution policy

Obtaining football tickets presents a challenge to IPTAY students.

JENNA SHELTON
STAFF WRITER

Some things in life are worth dying for; others, like tickets to a Clemson football game, are just worth camping out for.

But some students have

expressed frustration after not obtaining a prized ticket for their efforts, causing them to examine the Athletic Ticket Office's ticket distribution policies.

Although limited to the 11,000 student seating capacity for home football games, any Clemson student taking at least 12 hours is eligible for a student ticket. Students taking less than 12 hours can still purchase a ticket through the Athletic Ticket Office.

"It's a supply and demand thing," Athletic Ticket Office Assistant Wayne Gibson said. "We will run out of tickets for the student body this week because we only have 11,000 tickets for about 17,000 students."

With the excitement of the first game ESPN's College Game Day, the Florida State game is expected to sell out, according to Gibson. "Everyone wants to see what will happen on Sept.

3," Gibson said. "I hate to tell a student we ran out, but I have to do it."

Jessica Tyler, a senior studying psychology, disagrees with the unavailability of student tickets. "[Students], especially freshmen, should be able to experience the first football game at Clemson," Tyler said. "Clemson football helps make Clemson...Clemson."

The concern about ticket distribution extends to the IPTAY collegiate club.

"I'm kind of mad that I waited four hours, having never waited that long before, and I only got an upper deck ticket," Brown said.

This reaction is common with the ticket distribution process, according to Gibson, but he encourages the student body to continue attending the games even when given an upper deck ticket.

"We're always going to have some unhappy people with every ticket distribution, but overall everybody had fairly positive comments to make," said Mike Money, administrator of the collegiate club. "Even the people in the back of the line understood the process."

"If you want one badly enough, you can get a ticket with an IPTAY membership and a chunk of your time," said Exley McCormick, a junior studying bioengineering. "After that, it is prioritized by class, which I think is fair."

According to Money, collegiate club members will have

a greater opportunity to receive tickets this year.

"In previous years IPTAY has been given fewer than 2,000 tickets," Money said. "We've been given about 2,600 student tickets this year, so at this week's ticket distribution we were able to accommodate every collegiate member who was in line."

"If you want a ticket badly enough, you get one with an IPTAY membership and chunk of your time," said Exley McCormick, a junior studying bioengineering. "After that it is prioritized by class, which seems fair to me."

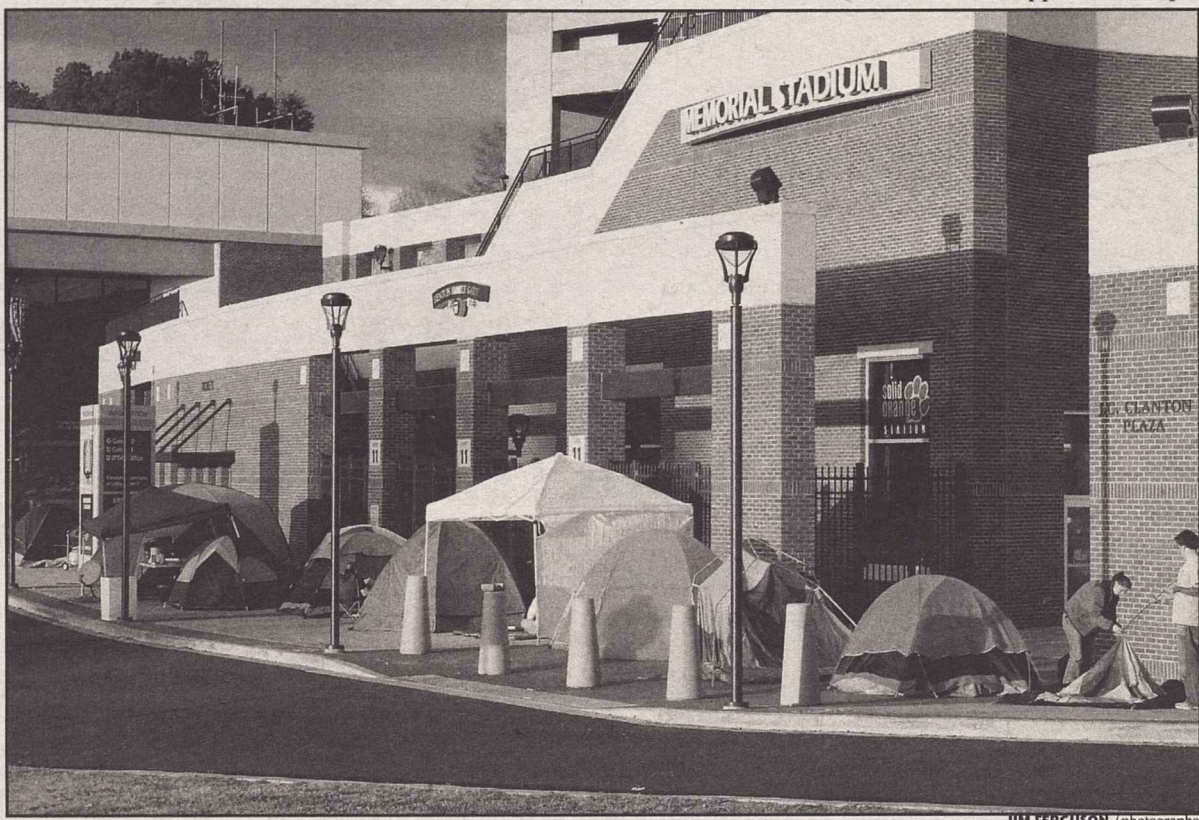
As for the idea of an online ticket distribution system, students and collegiate club members may have to wait a while longer.

"It's going to be a well-planned out process," Money said. "Right now we're just talking and seeing what other schools are doing. It's definitely going to come at some point, but we don't want to say it will happen next year just yet."

The usual rules still apply to student and IPTAY collegiate club member ticket distributions. Students may wait in line for tickets no more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled ticket distribution.

Football tickets are issued by class for home football games at Gate 11, the West End of Memorial Stadium.

Each student must present his or her valid Tiger 1 card before a ticket can be issued.



JIM FERGUSON / photographer

PITCH A TENT: Ticket seekers set up camping tents and other methods of shelter to prepare to wait in front of the West End Zone to get their season football tickets.

BALLOONS: CS members unite for renowned tradition *from page A1*

imately five miles upward, expanding due to decreases in pressure and temperature, before they undergo brittle fracture, and return to the Earth the size of spaghetti noodles over approximately a 15 square mile area."

Field tests show that these fragments that degrade from the balloons as they descend from the air

work at a similar rate to that of an oak tree leaf, causing no serious environmental concern.

There was one thing slowing Central Spirit down, though.

"Strings can cause many problems and are not recommended in standard balloon release procedures," Wells said.

"Strings can cause entanglement in trees, do not biodegrade as well, and their litter can cause problems for wildlife as well."

To fix this problem, Central Spirit stopped using strings and instead put the balloons they blew up in large nets, which were used to transport the balloons to the field.

Dee Scarr is the owner and operator of Touch the Sea, a dive guiding service on the island of Bonaire in the Netherlands Antilles. She works toward educating her divers and others, including school groups, about environmental concerns geared towards animals in the ocean.

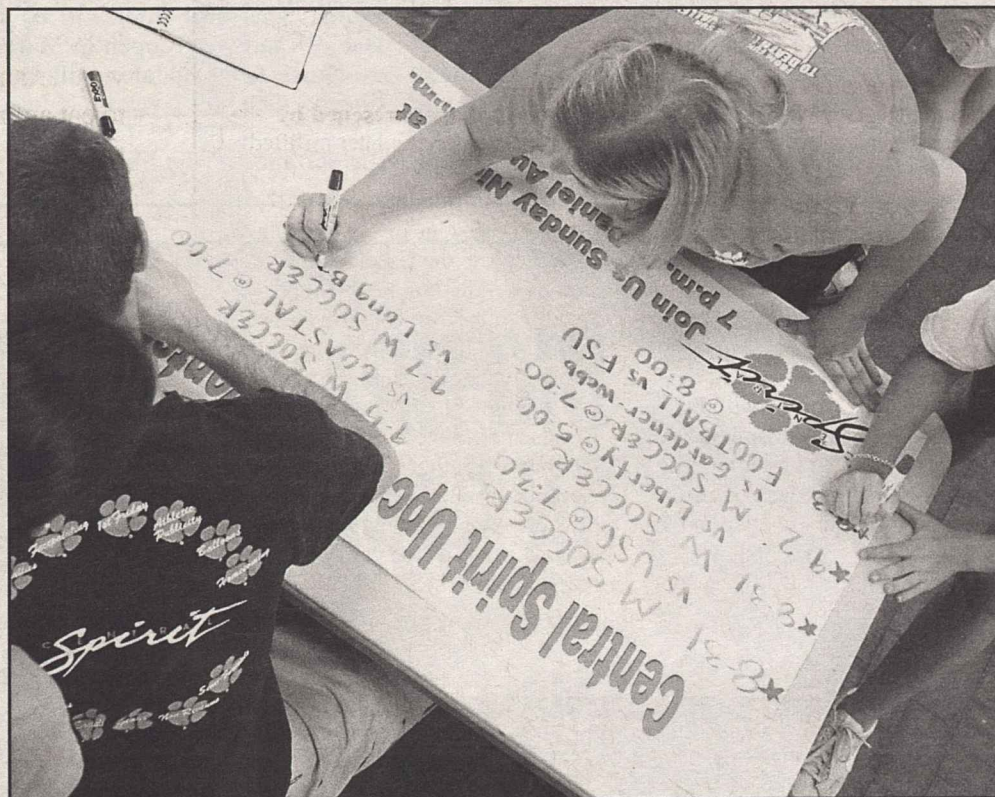
She is also an inaugural member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame, and was awarded the PADI/SeaSpace Environmental Award in 1991 and the Beneath the Sea Award for the Environment.

Scarr is concerned with Central Spirit's traditional balloon activities.

"At the most basic level, balloon releases are littering," Scarr said.

"If we dropped the balloons onto the field from an airplane, for example, instead of sending them up, they'd make a heck of a mess. As it is, at best, the balloons freeze and shatter and drop to earth in smallish pieces."

Scarr's concern is that some of these balloons do not shatter and just fall back to earth in whole pieces. Other times they are accidentally eaten by animals.



RACHEL GLENN / photographer

MAKE SURE IT IS LEGIBLE!: A few volunteers work on creating a banner to publicize the upcoming events that Central Spirit will be promoting.

"Sometimes they fall into the sea, where they resemble jellyfish and are eaten by marine turtles, every species of which is either endangered or threatened," Scarr said.

"Dolphins have been killed by intestinal blockages caused by balloons. Parents are warned to keep balloons away from young children."

While Scarr realizes that Central Spirit has taken action by using the nets instead of string, she is still worried about the concepts that audience members during football games are interpreting.

"Every time people see balloon releases, the concept that balloon releases are okay and fun is reinforced in their minds," Scarr said.

"And should someone ask, 'Are you sure releasing these balloons is okay for the environment?', and they might well reply, 'Sure, Clemson does it!'"

Scarr believes that Clemson is not sending the right message to attendees at the football games, or anyone else who sees the balloons being released.

"Those people don't know you're using biodegradable balloons," Scarr said.

"They don't notice your balloons don't have strings attached and aren't tied to anything."

One suggestion that Scarr made for the football games was to release doves instead.

"The doves are actually homing pigeons and they'd circle out of the stadium

and then return home until the next game," Scarr said.

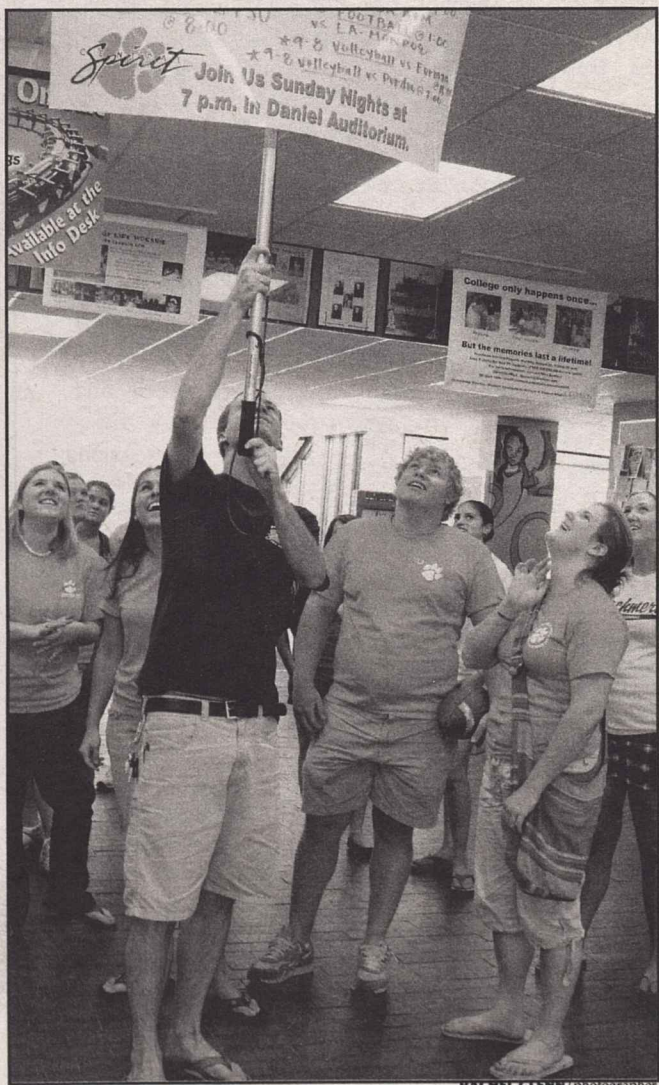
"What if balloons were created with precise enough stretch tolerances so that they'd rise to the level of the highest seats in the stadium and then explode?"

"Since the balloons would soar and then explode, they could even release confetti or something."

Most of the release would fall back into the stadium."

After Central Spirit recommended that the tradition stay intact, the academic council had a chance to discuss the matter with Central Spirit directly.

The decision was made to continue balloon launches from nets, but with no strings attached, according to Wells.



RACHEL GLENN / photographer

TO THE LEFT, TO THE LEFT!: Lee Hardee helps to hang a banner for Central Spirit in the Union.



TIGER BRIEFS

Clemson University joins Pickens County 911 system at first of year

On Jan. 1, 2008, the CUPD will become part of Pickens County's enhanced 911 system. The system will allow the CUPD dispatchers to identify the location of calls from land lines and cell phones made on campus. The current 911 system shows dispatchers the number calling, and then the number has to be looked up manually in order to find the location of the caller. Dispatchers will be able to track calls made by cell phones through global positioning system technology, thus allowing dispatchers to view a map of exactly where the calls are coming from. Additionally, joining the Pickens County system means that if Clemson's system is down, calls can be directed to Pickens County, and the reverse may be employed if the Pickens County system has technical difficulties.

Clemson seminar focuses on presidential campaign process

Clemson University is offering a class concerning the 2008 presidential campaign as part of a "First in the South" presidential primary state status. The course will give students and members of the Clemson community an opportunity to study the presidential campaign process. The first class was on Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 6:15 p.m. and will meet each Tuesday throughout the semester.

This provost-sponsored class will meet in the Strom Thurmond Institute and David Woodard, professor of political science, and Joseph Stewart, political science department

chair, will teach the seminar. The class is offered free to members of the community and students.

Cooper Library continues HVAC renovations

The first and second floors of the Cooper library will be renovated throughout the semester, but plans to shut down entire floors of the library in the process have been revised so that contractors only work on small sections of a floor during the day.

"Noise will still be a concern during the day but minimal in the evening," said Terri Alexander, circulation and facilities manager of the Cooper Library. "Contractors are working between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and we have large fans circulating air which feels nice but the fans also contribute to the noise level."

Library staff will be available to help students find relocated materials or access material in closed sections. The Reserves and Media room is closed during the renovation. DVDs have been relocated on the fourth floor while CDs, videos and microfilm may be requested at the circulation desk. Microfilm and microfiche readers are located on the fourth floor. The library will be closed for an extended time during Thanksgiving break from Thurs., Nov. 23 until Sun., Nov. 25 at 1 p.m. First and second floor renovations will be completed after exams. The third floor will be closed starting Dec. 9th and will reopen in March 2008.

Noise level updates will be posted on the library website www.lib.clemson.edu/HVAC. Updates can also be found on the kiosks near the entrance of the library.



Bartee encourages proactive safety

Self-defense instructor offers class in Seneca.

CAROLINE GARMON
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Clemson offers a variety of leisure skills courses that cater to students who crave extreme sports such as whitewater rafting or students aspiring sommeliers who want to learn the techniques of wine tasting.

Now Clemson students have the opportunity to equip themselves with self-defense and martial arts techniques taught by a retired secret service agent.

James Bartee is a retired United States Secret Service Senior Special Agent and was assigned to the duties of protecting President George Bush, President Bill Clinton and other head of states.

Not only is Bartee is a certified U.S.S.S. Fitness Coordinator, but he is also highly trained in Defensive Tactics and Defensive Measures.

Additionally, he has a Fourth Degree Black Belt in Aikido, Third Degree in Tae Kwon Do, and accomplished in Daity-ryu Aikijujitsu, Hapkido, Bando Karate and Wrestling.

Recently, Bartee built a dojo, Japanese Training Hall and Self Defense Center for Aikido of Lake Keowee.

Students can take Aikido, a modern Japanese martial art, and self-defense classes taught by Bartee for a one-hour leisure skill

credit per class.

Bartee began teaching a total of three leisure skill courses at Clemson University in Fall 2007 including Aikido, Aikido II and Self-Defense.

Bartee teaches his classes for Clemson at his dojo instead of at Fike, as he has done in previous semesters.

He said that the student's reactions to the new studio have been "awe-inspiring and reflective," and that students seem to take the classes more seriously due to the ambiance of the dojo.

Throughout the year, Bartee will host seminars, at the dojo, and he also routinely conducts self-defense seminars for businesses and organizations.

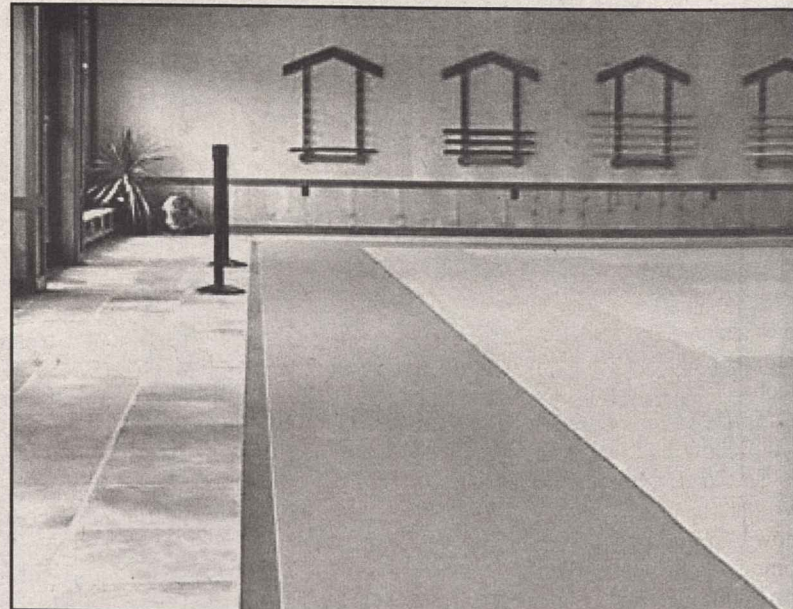
Bartee's first Street Safe Seminar taught by Bartee will take place on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007, and is open to the public for anyone ages 12 and older.

The seminar is not about martial arts but it will cover self defense maneuvers. Bartee said that the Street Safe Seminar will teach simple and effective techniques that can be use immediately after this seminar to help survive life and death encounters.

Interested participants can contact Bartee at (864) 888-3226 for more information.

"Everyone is responsible for their own safety; law enforcement will probably not be present to assist you before or during any attacks - not because they wouldn't want to, but they cannot be everywhere," said Bartee.

"Life is precious and it is your duty to protect yourself."



JAMES BARTEE/contributor

PROTECT YOURSELF!: Karate instructor James Bartee recently opened a new studio in Seneca, S.C. for students and residents to learn common self-defense techniques.

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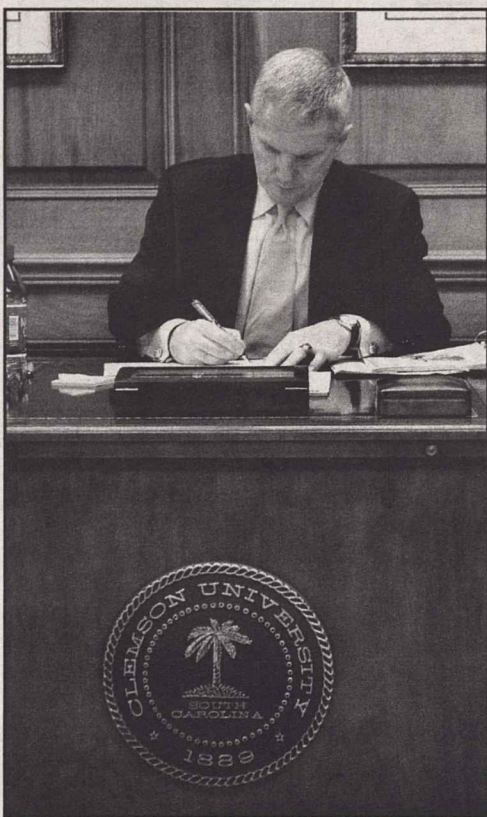
President Barker proposes budget increase to CHE

Areas of academic life are closely examined to determine funding needs for 2008-2009.

MELISSA WHITSON
STAFF WRITER

On Aug. 1, 2007, President James F. Barker addressed members of South Carolina's Commission on Higher Education (CHE). He used this time to present a proposal for Clemson University's funding needs for 2008-2009.

Referring to the university's historical founding and the purpose for which Thomas Green Clemson issued his land grant, President Barker initially reflect-



LIZ HUNTER/assistant photography editor

I'LL GIVE YOU A JOHN HANCOCK!
President Barker reads over papers.

ed on the progress Clemson has made over the past century.

"We look back and remember the man whose remarkable life provided us, even today, with a perfect template for the truly educated person," President Barker said.

"In the 'high seminary of learning' [Mr. Clemson] envisioned, intellectual development was linked to practical knowledge and economic development."

While President Barker wanted to make clear the role of Clemson as an institution of historical significance and notable achievement, his main purpose of coming before the CHE was to present the University's preliminary budget.

President Barker stressed that at Clemson, the focus is on what is best for ensuring progress rather than what will make the most frugal financial plan.

"We made quality our goal, and budgeted to the plan instead of planning to a budget," President Barker said.

"We backed up our rhetoric by actually putting money into the areas we had defined as priorities."

Among the most recent changes and additions that have been worked into Clemson's budget include investing more in graduate programs, the Academic Success Center, campus libraries and research and the reallocation of faculty positions to work closer with the university's emphasis areas.

President Barker continued with an outline of what he hoped the CHE members would approve as the 2008-2009 Clemson University budget priorities.

First, the university hopes to gain recurring funding of \$20 million that will go to the two categories of Academic and Student Operations and Economic Development Needs. Under Academic and Student Operations, President Barker explained that nearly \$5 million would go toward making progress down the "Academic Road Map," an "investment in basic, human intellectual infrastructure."

This would ensure the hiring of new,

highly qualified faculty members while replacing one-third of the current faculty within the next five years.

Information Technology would require up to \$4 million. Everything from installing more smart classrooms to improving registration and library services would get a portion of the money.

"This request is for the basic, yet sophisticated, computing needs of a high-tech university," President Barker said.

Campus Safety and Security sectors would also be slotted to receive up to \$1 million in order to hire new safety personnel, install improved security systems and strengthen emergency communication services.

Although the shootings at Virginia Tech have made campus security a high priority, some students feel other funding needs should take precedent.

"I think Clemson's security is already up to par and the money could be put where it is needed more," said Kat Powers, a sophomore studying biosystems engineering.

President Barker's proposal for the University's Economic Development Needs requires up to \$10.2 million and involves reaching out into the surrounding community to gain lucrative research and service opportunities.

The Cluster Faculty Initiative will need \$4.2 million to go to funding junior faculty, graduate assistants and those with post-doctorates who spearhead research programs.

Three million dollars will be set aside for Clemson to join the South Carolina Light Rail, a statewide computer network that provides advancements in technological infrastructure, and to CU-ICAR, the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research.

In recent years, CU-ICAR has gained national recognition as an innovative research program.

In order to stay on top, the center will require funding for improving business

development and basic operation fees of the CU-ICAR campus.

Another \$3 million is being requested for the Clemson University Restoration Institute.

These funds will provide money for advancing research on large-scale artifacts at the North Charleston research center.

As for non-recurring funding, President Barker hopes to secure a \$65 million budget, starting with \$25 million for a new Information Technology Center.

"This facility would allow faculty, students and researchers to take advantage of new IT resources in a centralized campus location," President Barker said.

Also, \$30 million would go to constructing an addition to Hunter Chemistry Laboratory that would include a 90,000 square-foot research wing.

Many students are especially pleased with plans for improving campus buildings like Hunter.

"It's important to support the sciences financially for Clemson to become a top research school," said Brooks Lavespere, a freshman studying biological sciences.

"We're in the age of technology," said Nolan Price, a freshman studying architecture.

"It's necessary to put more money into improvements if we want to make advancements in the sciences."

Up to \$10 million has been requested for air quality and maintenance improvements so several of the campus's buildings can receive upgraded heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems.

These funds would also go to maintenance infrastructure projects that involve making campus a safer place.

After presenting the budget plans, President Barker reemphasized the significance of reliable funding for a university like Clemson.

"[Clemson University] stands ready to help the state," he said. "Investing in people is not only the right thing to do; it is the smart thing to do."

GREEK LIFE: Sisters convey their concern with stereotyping for entertainment purposes *from page A1*

Greek system.

"While these stereotypes provide entertainment value for the show and an added element of drama, there is an inherent lack of balance among the show's characters and plotlines," said Shimberg.

"We feel that the show provides a very narrow view of what sorority life and sorority women are all about."

President of Tri Delta's Beta Theta Chapter at Clemson, Caitlin Palazola, said that the show has become so popular that it has the power to influence what people think about the Greek community — especially those people who are unfamiliar with Greek life.

"I think most sorority women and fraternity men will quickly recognize the things in the show that are more accurate than others — it's easy to see how the writers have played up the typical stereotypes associated with being Greek," said Pazola.

Shimberg notes that underage drinking and sexual behavior portrayed on the show are serious issues that plague collegiate communities as a whole and are not just limited to sororities and fraternities.

The Tri Delta sororities have built specific programs into their member education, such as AlcoholEdu, to combat the pressures that face every college student said Shimberg.

Palazola said that the Clemson chapter participates in the AlcoholEdu program and it educates new members on the effects and consequences of alcohol as well as empowers them to make well-informed decisions about alcohol.

Tri Delta has been proactive in responding to this show, even before it aired.

So far, the national sorority has issued two statements regarding their thoughts on the show in order to offer a voice from the Greek community.

Additionally, Tri Delta has reached out to ABC Family's producers to be a source to them for story ideas and fact checking but have not received a response.

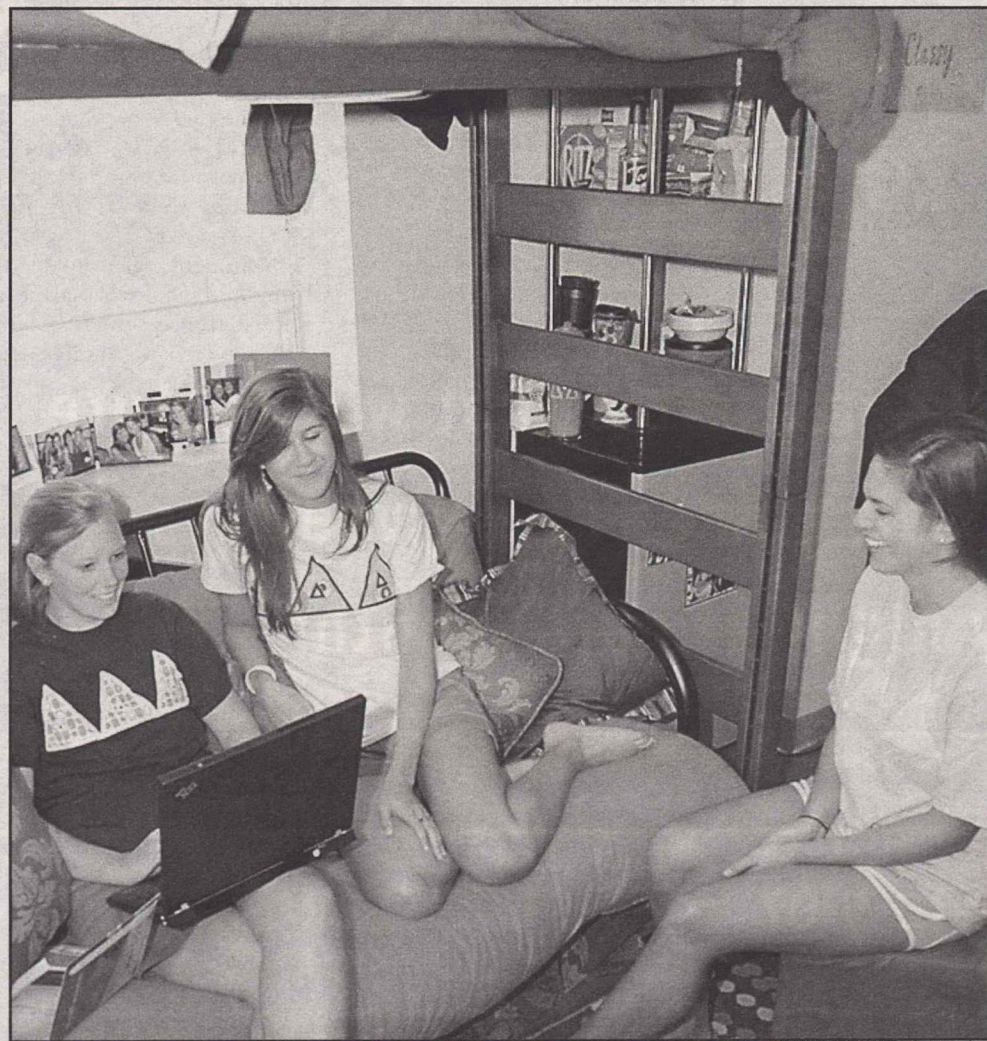
As far as positive portrayal of the Greek

community, Gilcrest said she has seen "glimmers of sincere friendship on the show," but that overall "Greek" has presented the female characters as very one-dimensional by relying on stereotypes to define them.

Gilcrest expressed that she hopes to see a more accurate portrayal of sorority life incorporating academics, leadership, philanthropy and deeper friendships.

"Greek" is not the first program to play off sorority and fraternity stereotypes, and it certainly won't be the last," said Gilcrest.

"We feel that this show is ultimately a positive thing, as it allows Tri Delta to proactively share our opinions and initiate a discussion about the myths and realities of the sorority experience today."



DAVID STEWART/photographer

CHILL OUT AND RELAX: Tri-Delta sister's Lindsay Boyd, Haley Owens and Katherine Jones hang out in their dorm room during their spare time.

RANK: Goals get close *from page A1*

schools with doctoral degrees, up from 60 last year. The university was also recognized for its Writing Across the Curriculum program.

"Clemson will continue to focus on improving the quality of the Clemson Experience for our students," President Barker said.

"Success will be measured in improved graduation rates, smaller classes and recruiting America's best students and faculty to our campus."

According to the U.S. News and World Report's Web site, they use several measures "to capture the various dimensions of academic quality at each college."

The measures each fall into seven broader categories, including peer assessment, graduation and retention rate, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and graduation rate performance.

After scoring the school in each of the categories, each score is weighted depending on the measure and a final score is then computed.

U.S. News and World Report hopes that the rankings help students make one of their most life-changing decisions.

"Your investment in a college education could profoundly affect your career opportunities, financial well-being and quality of life," as stated on their Web site.

"We want to be able to recruit and retain the best faculty...[and] offer both of these groups the best support system and the best environment possible for teaching, learning, research and service," President Barker said.

"Our Top 20 goal for Clemson is our way of saying to the world: We want the best students we can attract."

The U.S. News and World Report published the rankings in the Aug. 27 issue and online.

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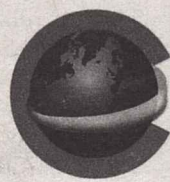
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Scholarship ignores the other half



Before the semester began, South Carolina's state government decided to increase the money it offers students through the Palmetto Fellows scholarship. However, this increase met some opposition. Why? The state decided to award another \$800 to every student receiving the Palmetto Fellows except those studying math or science; for those students, the state added a small bonus: \$3,300 — or \$2,500 more than any other major.

On a purely practical level and in its most basic assumptions, the idea behind the state's decision is shaky at best. A scholarship is meant to assist those students who need money for an education, right? It would seem that, according to the South Carolina state legislature, math and science majors are the ones who need extra help the most — apparently, students in those majors are truly hurting for cash. However, the average starting salary for a math or science major in South Carolina nearly doubles that of someone who graduates with a degree in, say, the Humanities, making it that much easier for the former to pay off any debt incurred during school. But who needs it more? From this angle, the state's touted "extra help" looks more like a tilted scale.

However, the issue of debt relief is only one of the logical hiccups in the state's move. An often-repeated, much-hypothesized effect of the increase is that the scholarship bonus will bring more math and science majors to the state universities, which is a point that is hard to contest. Proponents of the plan assert that this ability to attract the math and science majors of the state will eventually boost the state's economy: these areas of study

traditionally contribute to more of societies "money-making" endeavors, excepting the anomaly that is J.K. Rowling. Certainly, more of South Carolina's high school students will be drawn to in-state universities, as schools like Clemson will not only present strong programs in the areas of math and science, but they will also tempt students with sound financial aid, which any good college kid would be foolish not to take advantage of. These reasons make it difficult to see why students wouldn't stay in South Carolina ... while they are in school. After that, however, it's anyone's guess as to where these students go. The statewide boost to the Palmetto Fellows scholarship does not necessarily mean that students will stay in South Carolina after they graduate. While South Carolina's reputation for producing people in mathematic and scientific fields will undoubtedly skyrocket, there exists no direct guarantee that these students will remain where they are after school.

This lack of guaranteed results is a problem that could be solved, it seems, by tying the money to the community. If more scholarships were funded by companies or private state donors, the ability to retain South Carolina's math and science majors would be dramatically increased. Extra scholarship money would have some strings attached, though not necessarily the strings that would

hinder the student: Math and science graduates would have more direct connections and opportunities with the local companies that they aim to work for later.

Also, money would be spent more efficiently, for instead of handing out cash to anyone claiming a math or science degree, companies and private donors would be able to determine whether or not the student is a beneficial, long-term investment — which was the primary thinking behind the state's decision in the first place: to make the practical, smartest investment with its money, an investment that aimed at funding the most economically promising of young

students.

But some people have called this "solution" a battle over semantics: students in the math and science will be getting extra money either way, so isn't the real issue simply what form we are putting it in? But the form, in many ways, is exactly the issue. Scholarships exist all over the nation for special interest groups, specific majors and uniquely qualified students, scholarships that are funded by companies and organizations and people groups. These beneficiaries are more than willing to give money to people who are pushing for certain goals in education.

The goal of a student, however, is not always certain. When that student is simply seeking to learn, there is not always a predetermined destination. No one is completely sure what they

will end up studying, and state funding should not simply aim to point students in a particular direction but should allow them the freedom to find one. It makes sense that separate people or groups in society would see some majors as more valuable than others: not everyone is interested or dependent on the same thing, and many people are passionate about very specific areas. But when the state government, the voice of the state as a whole (ideally), begins to place emphasis on one particular part of an education, students no longer see other areas of learning as valuable; those areas have already been stamped with a lesser economic value, which is confusing and ultimately counter to academic study as a whole. The purpose of giving money to a student is to free him or her up to learn, to allow him or her to determine the value of an education for themselves.

The nature (and one of the benefits) of a college education is that it is fluid, that it is not permanent. Majors change as often and as drastically as the weather: Engineers switch to English, and turf management turns into microbiology (sometimes). The experience of an undergraduate education presents options and scope; in many cases, it does not limit itself to a single path, giving the student a chance to "test the waters" in several different areas. If the thinking behind the state government's advance is to entice more students to remain in math and science majors, it could very well work—but at what cost?

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SPEAKING

Do you think that the new scholarship money distribution is fair?



Brittany Johnson
environmental and natural
resources
sophomore

"That sounds great for colleges like Clemson but it's really unfair for other students."

"It really helps cover the cost of college, especially with the tuition and expenses rising."



Malvika Ogale
general engineering
freshman



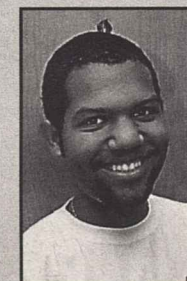
Laura Datko
biological engineering
junior

"It is a great incentive for science and engineering majors, but English and business majors are important too."

"If South Carolina wants to keep its engineers in-state, it needs to give its Engineering students more benefits."



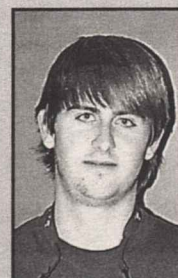
Trey Charlton
industrial engineer
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Jamie Fuller
civil engineering
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"South Carolina needs more engineers and scientists."

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Europe influences American lifestyle

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It's time to swallow our American pride, or at least some of it. Europe is heightening its influence on the United States more so now than in years past. European governmental styles are infiltrating our American political system, European fashion is invading our stores, and European morals and values are invading our television and media. We've always been a model of Europe — we were founded by Europeans and receive most of our Western influence from across the Atlantic. However, with the recent plummeting value of the American dollar, the United States has become more of a puppet than a colleague.

In the recent Republican debate in Des Moines, Iowa, one of the major topics was the new Fair Tax system proposed. This tax would eliminate the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and essentially abolish income and property taxes. Are you interested? Well, it would also put a nationwide 23 percent sales tax on all items. If this sounds outrageous, I recommend that you not move to Europe. Most European nations already operate under a system similar to this. For example, the German government puts a valued added tax (VAT) on all products purchased which ranges between 17 and 22 percent. The Czech Republic has a 15 percent tax on all goods, and other nations such as New Zealand and

many Baltic States are moving towards this system as well.

Although this poses a serious risk of sinking the economy if not integrated gradually, the system works for Europe and has for a number of years. It is only recently that the idea has grown large enough in the United States for serious consideration. With the British pound now worth over two dollars, presidential candidates are willing to look to other methods to revive the American economy on the international level.

London and Paris are known as being the capitals of world fashion. Gradually, these European styles make it to New York and eventually to Los Angeles before being dumped into the Pacific to make room for the next new trend from the East. Take a look at man-capris, for example. Sure, we all made fun of the guys who wear them in Europe (and Budweiser may have even written a "Real Men of Genius" for men who wear them here in the States), but they've arrived and are beginning to take root whether we want them or not.

The women's style of wearing leggings and a mini-skirt is also establishing itself on our side of the Atlantic. We may have Hollywood, but the clothes and fashions that make the red carpet so glamorous originate in Europe.

European moral standards have also made their way to the United States. Generally, despite the strong religious roots that exist in overseas nations, European countries are much more liberal than the U.S. If you ever go overseas and turn on the television, as you channel surf, you'll see that just about anything goes in Europe. Nudity and vulgar swearing are common, and this influence is moving here. At

one time it was unheard of to see even a married couple in one bed together on television, but we all know how this has evolved.

While perhaps we in the Bible Belt aren't as directly affected by the Europeanization and liberalization of America, outside of the conservative bubble that we call Clemson is a United States being molded by the governments and ethical standards of our European neighbors. Is this a good thing or a bad thing?

Well, for one, it means that while more nations of Europe join the Union, the superpower that is the United States slowly declines. There is now a united body that that is larger than the United States in size and that more than doubles the United States in population. By no means is the United States the "sick man of the world," but it is important to realize that we are no longer giving all the orders.

You may not see anyone walking across the library bridge wearing a Union Jack on their shirt or speaking fluent Italian, but Europe is subtly creeping into our culture. Look down, for example, at notice the shoes that are around you. Or, perhaps, look straight ahead of you, and maybe you'll be lucky enough to catch a guy with a greased up mullet. From the largest government organization down to the trendy individual, America is adapting to keep up with the rest of the world rather than setting the bar. We are being Europeanized. Don't believe me? Just look at how we are starting to spell some words, like Europeanisation.

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Summer's advice for averting future disaster

JULIE
GERDES
Columnist



Spending a summer in the sleepy town of Clemson, South Carolina left me with much time to observe and ponder the world outside, a place where life doesn't take a break between the months of May and August. That being said, I have used some of the events of this summer, both from my personal life and from a broader scope, to compile some possible beneficial advice for the world.

Firstly, if you are on the fence about spending a summer in Clemson, do it. Maybe you need to get some credits out of the way but aren't sure how you feel about a summer away from home and childhood friends. Or maybe you want to get away from the confines of parental regulations, but don't know about the blazing humidity and lack of modern luxuries such as shopping malls and a town population the size of your neighborhood back home.

Regardless, the community that stays for the summer is in it together, so people who are here tend to be eager to find one another and stay busy. Additionally, with fewer students, local businesses are looking to hire new employees. Fife is much less crowded. One doesn't have to circle distant parking lots for what seems like a lifetime, just to be cut off by an F-150 that could run

over your house. And one doesn't have to hang out on the Cooper fifth floor waiting for one sheet of text to print while yelling out the name of some guy who's printing 178 sheets of paper with approximately ten words per page. Overall, the experience is gratifying and independence-building — if you are ready to grow up.

This next bit is for any future professional football players, particularly those who might play for the Atlanta Falcons, and particularly those who have been deemed trouble makers in the past: It is a good idea not to begin a dog-fighting business the minute that you are the top draft pick from Virginia Tech. Furthermore, if "Bad Newz Kennels" sounds like a good idea, it might be a better idea not to deny involvement when it becomes public.

Believe it or not, there is a chance that you might get caught if you are a high-profile athlete from Southeastern Virginia who owns a residency with a kennel and multiple fighting dogs ... in Southeastern Virginia. And I have further advice for the numerous other "common" dog-fighters, those who have not obtained fame.

For me, one of the most illuminating and humiliating aspects of this headline was the co-conspiracy. Not only did one very rich individual decide to waste his money and role-model status on harming innocent animals, but a number of others throughout the Southeast and Maryland allowed him and his two buddies to continue the behavior by providing their own animals from their own kennels.

One trip was made from Atlanta to South Carolina for a fight, meaning that this criminal activity has been taking place in our own neighborhood recently. Maybe small, Southern towns aren't so sleepy after all. So, if you plan on buying rural land for recreation, I suggest sowing a garden or installing a pool or building a skate ramp rather than buying and training dogs to be ferocious and attack one another.

Furthermore, anyone taking a vacation anywhere with water, do not fear the bridge. Although reports were issued in 2001 and 2005 noting the deficiency of the bridge, these kinds of reports were not intended to serve as a warning but rather as an update. In fact, according to CNN, eight percent of Minnesota's bridges (1,160 of 13,000) received the same assessment in 2005 from the U.S. Department of Transportation. This was just another case of an unlikely and unfortunate incident. Like nearly all national tragedies, if someone knew to prevent it, they would have done so. Keep on driving, road trippers — you can't expect the bridge to crumble.

Speaking of road trips, take one. At any opportune time, take a road trip with friends. Hop in the car, blast the music, take a ton of photos, and don't plan too much. Go for two days or two weeks, but this is a summer must. You are only young once, and the typical crazy college road trip can't be left out of the mix. Don't take much cash, and see just how far your money can take you. I spent one weekend in Florida with

two good friends. We slept on friends' couches, had no idea what we were going to do that night or the next day, and didn't leave until 8:00 PM on Sunday (meaning we got back into Clemson after two in the morning on Monday). We all had to work the next week and were therefore exhausted and worthless, but being young, restless and stupid is what makes these four (or five or six) years memorable. Just make sure you get the car serviced *before* the day you plan on leaving.

If you decide to take bottled water on an extravaganza or just want to beat the record heat back at home, instead consider refilling a personal water bottle. This summer exposed the misnomer "purified water," which is often not from any mountain stream at all but simply tap water.

Tap water is not only free but often just as accessible and healthy as bottled water in the States. The fact is that the majority of plastic water bottles are not recycled, and regardless of how you stand on the global warming issue, I think we can all agree to support less waste in general, not to mention hazardous carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

One last piece of advice — don't become a famous "musical artist" or "actress" and blow it on cocaine, anorexia, and drunk driving. I'm sure that Lindsay is a very sweet girl who has just made a few bad choices ... or something.

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COMMENTARY

IPTAY looks ahead for a better system

STEPHEN PINEROS

Columnist



By joining IPTAY my freshman year, I could get football tickets that were not going to have me automatically sitting in the upper deck. It was the main reason I joined. For thirty dollars, I could sit just rows from the field, or at "worst," on the hill. Unfortunately, the ticket distribution over the past couple years has not been perfect, and this past Friday for the Florida State and Louisiana-Monroe games it reached an all time low. I got in line at one, and it was not until two hours after the distribution started at five that I got my ticket. Now, after sitting in line and seeing how long it was I had given up hope of getting lower level seating, but I figured it was a safe bet to get hill tickets. Imagine my chagrin (to put it mildly) when the last hill tickets at my teller were given out to the people immediately in front of me and my friends and I ended up with upper bowl tickets. I had just spent six hours outside waiting for tickets that freshmen could get without remote hassle. To make matters worse, I later found out that friends of mine no less than one-hundred people behind me went to a different teller and still got hill tickets.

This was not the first time I felt IPTAY improperly handled its distribution either. My friends and I camped out my freshman year for the Florida State game and we were only two tents from the front of the line. We were sitting pretty well for the game, but by the time the distribution started, the few kids in front of us had gotten the CUID cards from all their friends on their halls, and suddenly, around a hundred people ended up in front of us.

Of course, this is not to say IPTAY has done nothing about their issues. Since then, IPTAY has taken on the policy of allow-

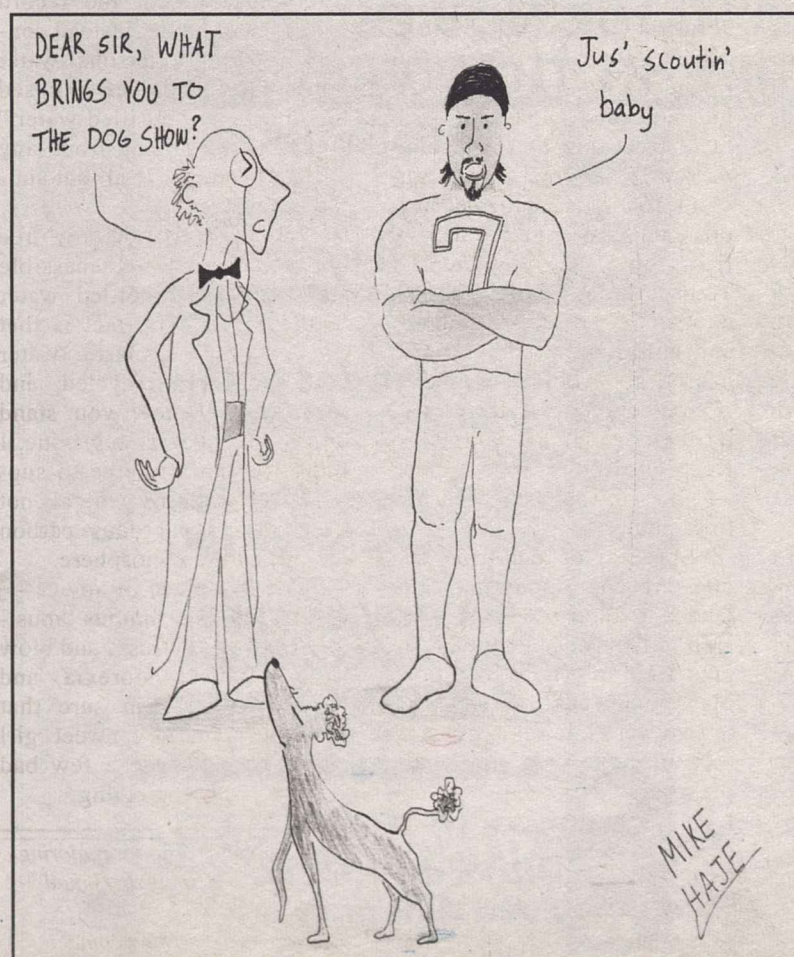
ing people to have only one other card besides their own. In addition, last year and this past Friday they distributed wrist bands to the first 500 or so students in order to curb line cutting. The problem here is IPTAY is taking a firm stance against cutting for these first several hundred students but essentially turning a blind eye to everyone else. They gave out the last wrist bands early Friday morning, meaning people who waited upwards of 9 hours had untold numbers of students join their friends in front of them as the day wore on. In the scramble for the best tickets, I cannot honestly blame anyone for holding spots for their friends, because the same was done for me. You have to do what it takes, but that does not mean it is the best, and by far, the most fair way. When you have a limit of 2,000 tickets for an all time high of 4,000 members, you are going to run into problems like I encountered Friday.

Simply put, IPTAY needs a different way to handle its distribution. Starting this year, UNC is distributing its student tickets online. A student has to register by a deadline before a game for tickets and priority is determined solely through a lottery. On the horizon for IPTAY is an online system as well. They are not really sure how or when it will work yet, but one of the possible ideas is students will get points for attending other Clemson sports and the number of points they have will determine their priority for seating. Considering IPTAY's dedication to supporting all Clemson sports, I think it is a good idea, and I think granting points for attending events like bowl games and away games would be good too.

By the way, I learned at the beginning of the week I could go to the IPTAY office and exchange my upper bowl tickets for still available hill tickets. I will thoroughly enjoy our game Monday, but that was six hours down the drain. Unforgivable.

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CARTOON



Our minimum rights

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Columnist

Any Floridian will tell you that Florida oranges are vastly different from California oranges. They are easier to peel and are a slightly different color, and it was said that a Florida orange tastes better. And since Harcombe serves California oranges, that's probably true.

But the States are not only defined by their produce. The most distinct difference is the cost of living, which makes it hard to understand how politicians in Washington can justify setting a federal minimum wage when they could follow the Constitution and leave that power up to the States.

Not only would following the Constitution be expected from our Congressmen but it would actually benefit the people who would receive State-defined minimum wage. For the moment, however, for the sake of thinking like Congress, let's ignore the constitutionality of this issue.

As it stands right now, most States already have their own minimum wage laws. However, it is obvious when looking at them that they are not there to benefit the people in the State but rather to keep up with the federal government. It is not common to find a State-defined minimum wage that exceeds the federal minimum wage law by more than a dollar.

According to information compiled from the United States Census Bureau, it's 53.7 percent cheaper to live in the Greenville-Spartanburg area than in San Diego, and it's 101.1 percent more expensive to live in New York City than in Charlotte. Without the federal standard set for minimum wage, the States would better define their own minimum wage laws that could more closely coincide with the local cost of living.

Right now, however, States are only struggling to keep up with the federal government to save face. If they weren't, the minimum wage in New York would be double the minimum wage in South Carolina rather than being only slightly above the federal minimum.

A minimum wage tailored to a state's cost of living would truly

benefit employees who depend on it, replacing the current practice in which campaigning politicians benefit the most from minimum wage changes. States could even chose to allocate this power to their cities, which is a definite possibility, since policies have more positive impact when implemented at the most local level possible.

Now that the common sense of this issue has been addressed, we can more comfortably consider why it is unconstitutional for the federal government to set any minimum wage. The Tenth Amendment says, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." This means that any power (such as defining a minimum wage) that isn't specifically given to the federal government or specifically denied to the States must be given to the States to handle individually.

Another part of the problem is that politicians in Congress seem to manipulate the people in order to get elected rather than following the Constitution. When the U.S. Congress recently debated raising the federal minimum wage, there were only two options on the floor: raise the minimum wage or raise the minimum wage but include tax breaks for small businesses. The option to let the States decide how to handle minimum wage on their own was left off the table.

This unmentioned option would have reduced the size and scope of the government and made it more efficient. However, since the federal government is run by Republicans and Democrats, citizens of the United States should not have expected Congress to think of this on their own.

But the first step toward increasing the efficiency of the government is to give the States their constitutional rights back, especially the right to choose the minimum wage based on the cost of living. So read the Constitution and vote to support it, and afterwards, celebrate the rights you just protected by choosing one of those superior Florida oranges.

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PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

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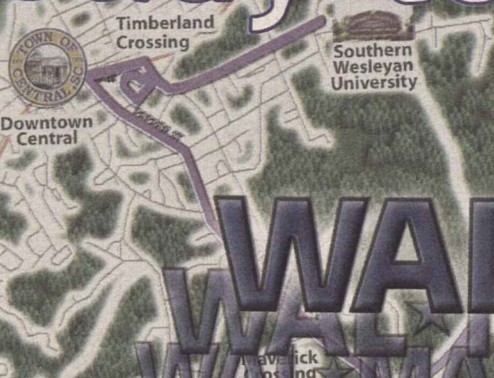
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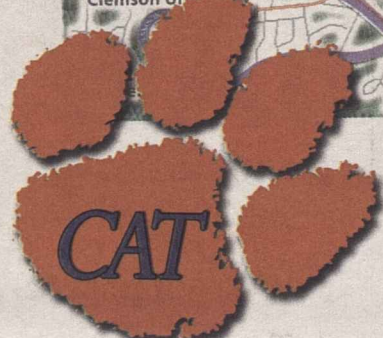
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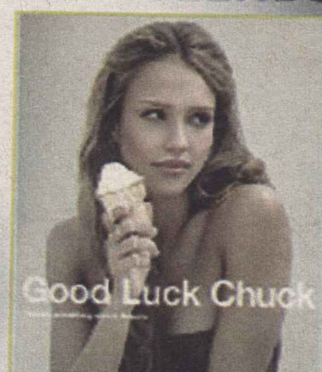
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Clemson Football Preview

**SARAH PORRI
JOSH FORT**
STAFF WRITERS

OFFENSE

This season, the Clemson Tigers will look to their youth for talent and strength. With 50 lettermen returnees, split almost half-and-half over offense and defense, only nine are seniors. The new Tiger freshmen will have to be educated quickly by their upperclassmen on what it means to step up and show what pride is all about.

Last season, Clemson was 8-5 with wins over nationally ranked Florida State and Georgia Tech. The Tigers finished the season ranked in the top 16 nationally in scoring offense, total offense, scoring defense and total defense. Only the Ohio State Buckeyes are able to say the same of their football team.

On the offensive side of football, the Tigers have only four starters returning but boast 24 lettermen that as a whole ranked in the top 15 in rushing, scoring offense and total offense. This was the first time in over 10 years that Clemson led the ACC in all of these categories.

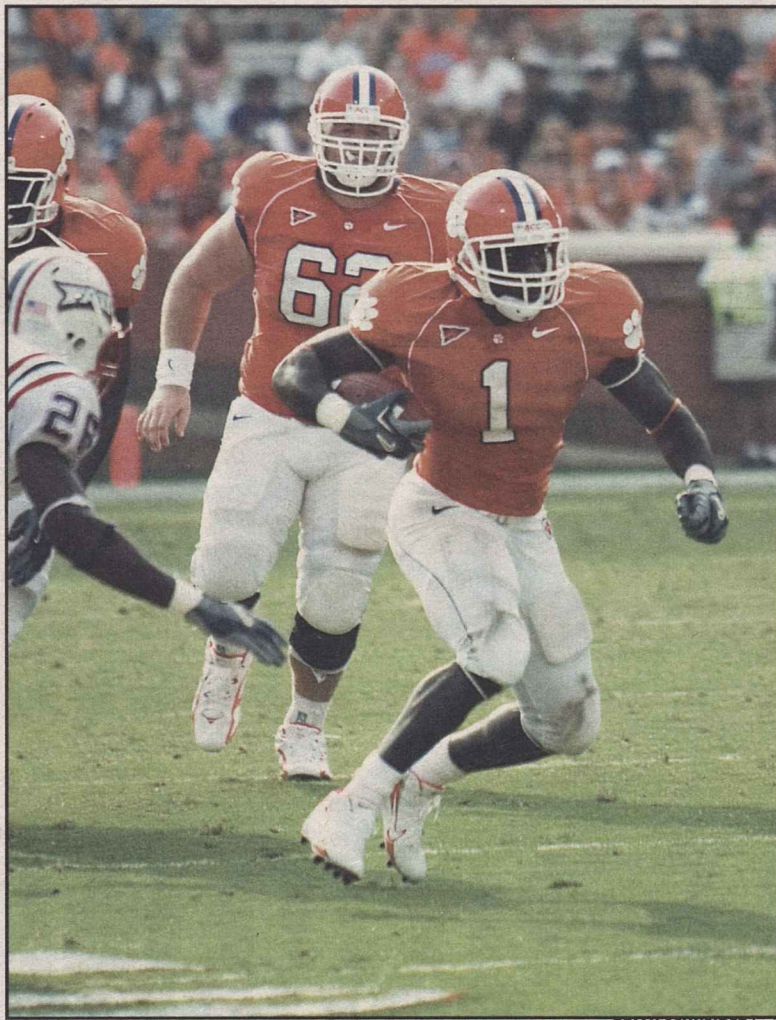
Heading into the season, there has been some debate as to who will start at quarterback and lead

this young group of Tigers. As of now, Cullen Harper is slated to take charge of the offense as first-team quarterback. Redshirted as a freshman, Harper saw little playing time during his sophomore year but gained some experience as a back up for Will Proctor last season. Most of his action came in the win over North Carolina, where he was 5-7 for 46 yards, along with 25 rushing yards.

Harper is joined by freshman Willy Korn, who graduated early from high school to enroll at Clemson for the spring semester of 2006. He was 13-25 for 135 yards and a touchdown during the spring game. During the most recent scrimmage, Korn completed nine of 16 passes for 134 yards and a touchdown. Tribble Reese is currently the third string quarterback for the Tigers. Reese was 3-3 in the spring game with 46 yards and also had a 70 yard run during a spring scrimmage.

The star position for the Tigers this season is "Thunder and Lightning," the dynamic duo of James Davis and C.J. Spiller. These two are arguably the best team of running backs in the

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BREAKING ANKLES: Junior James Davis looks to be the feature back in Clemson's deadly running attack this year.

DEFENSE

The rock, the hill, orange pants and stingy defense are four traditions that come to mind when describing Clemson football. This season will be no different.

Defensive coordinator Vic Koenning's unit returns seven of 11 starters to a defense that finished the 2006 season as the 13th best total defense in the nation, allowing just over 280 total yards per game. The Tigers also finished with 16th best scoring defense by allowing only 16.2 points per game.

Despite the starters that return, there will be a few familiar faces missing from the defense that will certainly have an impact. The most notable of the departed is defensive end Gaines Adams, the sixth overall pick in the 2007 NFL Draft. Also gone from the defense is corner Duane Coleman, corner C.J. Gaddis and linebacker Maurice Nelson.

But due to several excellent recruiting classes, Koenning, a defensive mastermind, has the advantage of being able to plug in another player that despite inexperience is, at some positions, considerably more talented.

Filling the void left by Adams will be former five-star defensive end Ricky Sapp. Sapp, a sophomore from Bamberg, SC, is an extremely fast athlete that has added muscle mass and appears ready to make his own legacy at an already tradition-rich posi-

tion.

At the other defensive end position will be returning starter Phillip Merling, a former freshman All-American. Jaime Cumbie and Kwam Williams will also see their share of snaps at the defensive end position.

The defensive line will feature a talented group consisting of Dorrell Scott, Jock McKissic, Antwon Murchison and Rashaad Jackson that should rotate frequently in order to keep fresh run stoppers in at all times. True freshmen Jarvis Jenkins and Miguel Chavis are both expected to avoid a redshirt and contribute in this department.

The linebacking corps welcomes back two veterans in Antonio Clay, who missed the spring for personal reasons, and senior Tramaine Billie who missed last season due to injury. Senior Nick Watkins will likely start at one of the linebacker spots although starters have not been announced. Allendale native Cortney Vincent and true freshman Scotty Cooper have had great off-seasons and will also see action.

The defensive backfield may be the most talented part of Clemson's defense and will probably rotate the most people.

Michael Hamlin and Chris Clemons will likely start at the safety positions, although freshman Deandre McDaniel will push Hamlin for the starting CAT

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2007 Clemson Football Schedule

Sep. 3	Florida State
Sep. 8	UL Monroe
Sep. 15	Furman
Sep. 22	@ NC State
Sep. 29	@ Georgia Tech
Oct. 6	Virginia Tech
Oct. 20	Central Michigan
Oct. 27	@ Maryland
Nov. 3	@ Duke
Nov. 10	Wake Forest
Nov. 17	Boston College
Nov. 24	@ South Carolina

AP TOP 25

1. USC (62)
2. LSU (2)
3. West Virginia (1)
4. Texas
5. Michigan
6. Florida
7. Wisconsin
8. Oklahoma
9. Virginia Tech
10. Louisville
11. Ohio State
12. California
13. Georgia
14. UCLA
15. Tennessee
16. Rutgers
17. Penn State
18. Auburn
19. Florida State
20. Nebraska
21. Arkansas
22. TCU
23. Hawaii
24. Boise State
25. Texas A&M



TAKIN' BEHIND THE WOODSHED: Senior Nick Watkins will be the anchor of the Clemson linebacking corps.

TIGER SCHEDULE



FOOTBALL
Monday 9/3
Florida State
8 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

MEN'S SOCCER
Friday 8/31
South Carolina
7:30 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

Sunday 9/2
Gardner-Webb
7 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Friday 8/31
Liberty
5 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

Wednesday 9/5
Coastal Carolina
7 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

MEN'S GOLF
Tuesday-Thursday
9/4-6
Topy Cup
All Day
Fukushima Prefecture,
Japan

MEN'S TRACK
Friday 8/31
Western Carolina
Invitational
5:30 p.m.
Cullowhee, N.C.

WOMEN'S TRACK
Friday 8/30
Gamecock Invitational
6 p.m.
Columbia, S.C.

THE TIGER'S COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS



Predicted ACC Standings

ATLANTIC:

1. Clemson
2. Maryland
3. Florida State
4. Boston College
5. Wake Forest
6. N.C. State

COASTAL:

1. Virginia Tech
2. Miami
3. Georgia Tech
4. Virginia
5. North Carolina
6. Duke

ACC CHAMPION
Virginia Tech

OFFENSIVE P.O.Y.
James Davis, Clemson

DEFENSIVE P.O.Y.
Calais Campbell, Miami

SLEEPER
Maryland

MOST OVERRATED
Georgia Tech

COACH OF THE YEAR
Randy Shannon, Miami

WEEK ONE STAFF PICKS

GAMES	ALAN SMITH	DANIEL TAYLOR	JOSH FORT
Florida State at Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson
Wake Forest at Boston College	Boston College	Boston College	Boston College
Georgia Tech at Notre Dame	Georgia Tech	Notre Dame	Georgia Tech
Virginia at Wyoming	Wyoming	Virginia	Virginia
East Carolina at Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech
Marshall at Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami
Oklahoma State at Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
Tennessee at California	California	Tennessee	Tennessee
Kansas State at Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn
Washington State at Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin

THE TIGER'S PRESEASON ALL-ACC TEAM

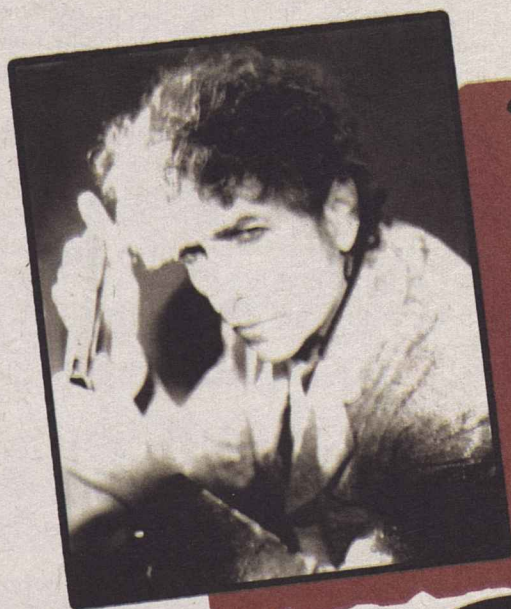
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QB	Matt Ryan, Boston College
RB	James Davis, Clemson
RB	CJ Spiller, Clemson
WR	Greg Carr, Florida State
WR	Darius Heyward-Bey, Maryland
TE	Tom Santi, Virginia
OL	Barry Richardson, Clemson
OL	Steve Justice, Wake Forest
OL	Gosder Cherilus, Boston College
OL	Duane Brown, Virginia Tech
OL	Andrew Crummey, Maryland
K	Sam Swank, Wake Forest
DEFENSE	PLAYER
DL	Phillip Merling, Clemson
DL	Calais Campbell, Miami
DL	B.J. Raji, Florida State
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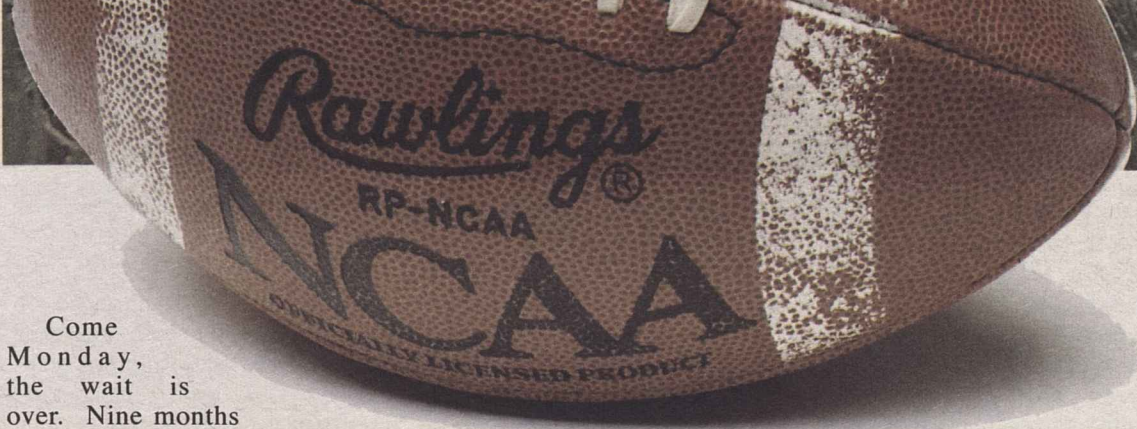
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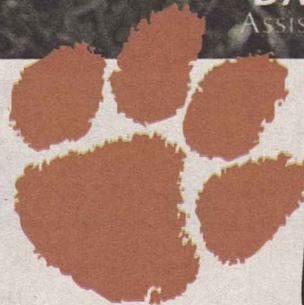
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Clemson vs. Florida State



DANIEL TAYLOR
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Come Monday, the wait is over. Nine months without the Tigers rumbling down the hill in Clemson is always excruciating for diehards, but after the collapse at the end of last season the anticipation has been unbearable. Monday night, Bowden Bowl IX is a shot at redemption for a program that has been starving for notoriety for decades.

Clemson tasted that national recognition briefly last season after a 31-7 blowout win against Georgia Tech. Many analysts, such as Kirk Herbstreit, declared that Clemson was the best one-loss team in the country (ahead of the eventual national champions, Florida). But the elation in Tigertown would be short-lived. A mere five days later, Virginia Tech ripped out the hearts of the orange-clad faithful, as their Tigers were pounded 24-7. After Frank Beamer's Hokie defense showed how to stop Clemson's running game, the epilogue of the season would be a debacle. Clemson only managed one win against a pitiful N.C. State team in its final five games.

Florida State is also coming off a disappointing year. In a season where they were among the favorites to win the Atlantic division, the Seminoles limped to a 6-6 regular season record (including a 4-4 conference mark). A convincing 44-27 win against UCLA in the Emerald Bowl was the saving grace to a winning record, but head coach Bobby Bowden wasn't pleased.

Bowden responded by firing his son Jeff from offensive coordinator and bringing in hotshot Jimbo Fisher. Fisher has been praised for the offensive mastery behind LSU's national championship run in 2003 before Nick Saben's departure, and for continuing that school's success under new head coach Les Miles.

Joining Fisher at FSU will be new offensive line coach Rick Trickett from West Virginia, who takes over a unit that gave up 25 sacks last year. Both Fischer and Trickett look to improve Florida State's running game, which has averaged less than 3.5 yards per tote for the past two seasons.

To address these problems in pass protection and the running game, Trickett has vowed to make the Seminole offensive line leaner and quicker. The depth chart now features only two men that exceed 290 pounds. Seemingly undersized, the Florida State hogmollies will have to thrive quickly in their new system, as they will be tested against one of the best front seven in the ACC.

Despite the graduation of first rounder Gaines Adams, Clemson's defensive line should still penetrate the Seminole backfield often. Ricky Sapp appears to be the second coming of the former sack specialist, although the 220-pound sophomore lacks Adam's strength against the run.

The Noles will not be able to double team Sapp, because at the other end senior Phillip Merling will

command attention. Weighing as much as an offensive lineman, the 270-pound Merling is the ultimate run-stuffing end with the

athleticism to rush the quarterback as well.

One potential exploit for Florida State is their receiving corps versus Clemson's inexperienced cornerbacks. Receiver Greg Carr has nabbed 21 touchdowns over the last two seasons for the Seminoles. In comparison, Clemson hasn't had a player catch over four touchdowns in a season since Derrick Hamilton in 2003. The 6'5" Carr will create mismatches for the Clemson secondary, as only strong safety Michael Hamlin comes within four inches of the lanky Seminole's height.

Complimenting Carr at the receiver spot is De'Cody Fagg. At 6'3" and 220 pounds, Fagg also has good size for his position and more speed than Carr. Together, the duo should challenge the Tigers, who do not return a starting cornerback from last year.

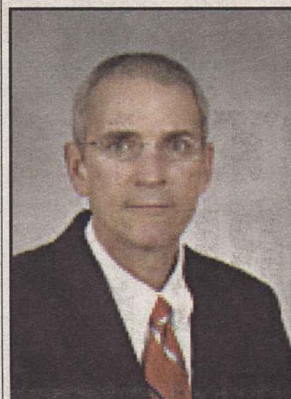
The Seminoles have two options at quarterback against Clemson. Both Drew Weatherford and Xavier Lee are experienced juniors with potential, but have failed to win the starting job outright due to inconsistent play. Weatherford started two years ago and put together an impressive season for a rookie signal caller. However, he failed to show any improvement in his sophomore campaign, and the flashier Lee was brought in with limited success.

Neither quarterback has seen success in the past against Clemson. Weatherford's first experience against a Death Valley crowd was a 35-14 loss, one of his worst performances of his freshman season where he threw no touchdowns and two picks. The next year in Doak-Campbell stadium, Weatherford was held to 102 yards passing (a season low for a minimum of 15 passing attempts). When brought in to relieve Weatherford, Lee failed to produce in either game. Combined, both quarterbacks have thrown 24-54 for 226 yards with no touchdowns and two interceptions in their previous two games against the Tigers. The Seminole quarterbacks have also been sacked nine times and lost 24 yards rushing.

Clemson has plenty of new starters on offense as well, but they are not experiencing the coaching change of the Seminoles. Although much of the preseason press has concentrated on the number of starters Clemson has lost (particularly on the line), the players still have loads of experience in the system. Only two underclassmen will likely start on offense for the Tigers, and one of those is hardly a detriment, being C.J. Spiller.

Thus, the game will ultimately depend on the ability of Florida State to adopt their new offensive system immediately. Fisher has proven he is capable of offensive wizardry, but he will have to make magic with a struggling offensive line and questions at quarterback in the season opener against the hostile Death Valley crowd.

THE DECIDING FACTOR: OFFENSIVE GAME PLAN



Rob Spence, Clemson



Jimbo Fisher, Florida St.

Rob Spence takes control of the Tiger offense for his third season. Considered a "mad scientist" during his tenure at Toledo, Spence has assembled one of the best rushing offenses in the country at Clemson. With tools such as James Davis, C.J. Spiller and Jacoby Ford, Spence should give opposing defenses fits all year long. However, he will have the task of breaking in a new quarterback against FSU.

Jimbo Fisher was expected to be a head coach this season, but instead he will be taking over the playcalling for Bobby Bowden at FSU. Also considered an offensive mastermind, Fisher will bring back the Seminole running game to the days of Greg Jones, Warrick Dunn, and Travis Minor. Fisher's expertise extends past the running game. He coached last year's first overall NFL draft pick Jamarus Russell.

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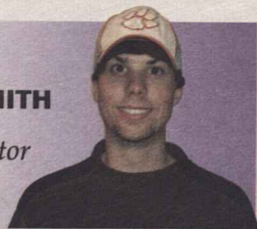
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Tigers, Noles face must-win in Bowden Bowl IX

ALAN SMITH

sports editor



In 2000, however, FSU humiliated the Tigers in Tallahassee, 54-7, and things went back to normal as the Seminoles cruised to two more rather easy victories against Clemson in '01 and '02. During those first four meetings, neither coach ever faced any real pressure since Tommy was a relatively new coach and Bobby's teams were still heads above the rest of the ACC.

However, the series, as well as the state of the two programs, began to change in 2003. Tommy was feeling some serious heat after Clemson was blown out by Wake Forest (this was not your ACC Champion-caliber Demon Deacons team) to fall to 5-4. The Tigers appeared to be doomed for a third straight mediocre season under Tommy and it seemed almost inevitable that he would be fired.

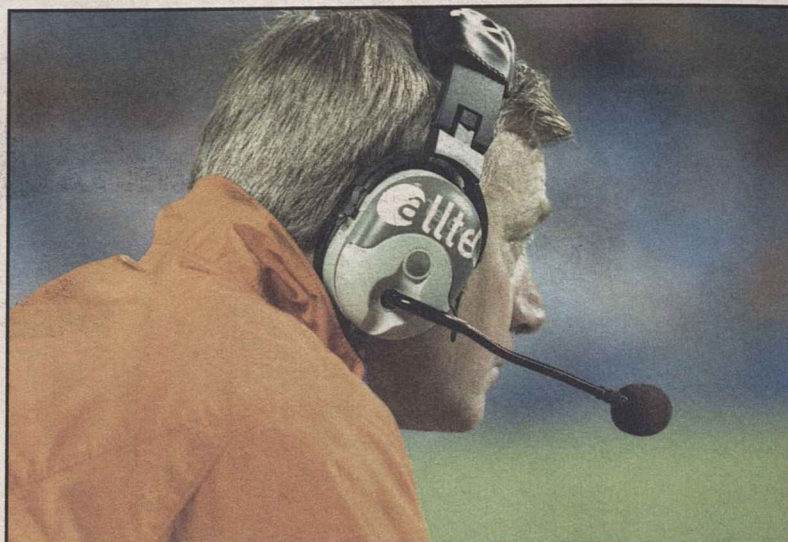
But when the No. 3 ranked Seminoles came to Death Valley on that chilly November night, Clemson pulled off a shocking 26-10 win. The Tigers went on to finish the season on a tear, ultimately saving Tommy's job. Since that victory, Clemson has been much more competitive against Florida State, as well as other highly-ranked teams. In fact, the Tigers have won three of the last four

meetings between the schools and won in Tallahassee last season for the first time since 1989.

Last season's game was also the first time that Clemson and Florida State faced each other as the top two candidates for the ACC Atlantic Division crown (granted it was only the second year that the ACC had been split into divisions). The Tigers pulled out a dramatic 27-20 victory in the final seconds, and were therefore dubbed the division favorites.

Of course, a late-season collapse ended what was starting to look like a dream season. Unfortunately, it was the same story for Clemson once again — just missing out on a big season because of a few letdown performances. It is for this reason why Tommy Bowden is facing a make-or-break season, especially considering how perfect of an opportunity the team wasted last year to finally win the ACC (with all due respect to Wake, the conference was terrible as a whole).

Interestingly enough, Florida State has failed to live up to expectations recently, much in the same way as Clemson. Sure they won the ACC in 2005, but that was hardly a BCS-worthy Seminole team. They finished that season with an 8-5 record (sound



FEELING THE HEAT: The pressure is on for Head Coach Tommy Bowden as, once again, his future in Clemson is in question.

familiar?), but found themselves on top of a ridiculously balanced Atlantic Division with a 5-3 conference record (Clemson was 4-4, with all four losses coming by a total of 14 points).

FSU finally pulled it all together for the ACC Championship, though, beating a Virginia Tech team that should have won easily. In Florida State's defense, they ended up taking a very good Penn State team into three overtimes in what was a fantastic Orange Bowl.

Going into last season, Florida

State appeared to be loaded on both sides of the ball, but once again did not play to their potential.

Thanks to an opening game win over Miami, which would later be nothing to brag about, the Seminoles entered the Clemson game ranked No. 9 in the country. But after the Tigers pulled off the victory in a game that would not have even been close if it weren't for a couple of blocked kicks, Florida State fell into a downward spiral.

Included in the slide were a loss to a 3-9 NC State team and, most notably, a 30-0 home loss to Wake Forest. When all was said and done, the Seminoles were 6-6 and barely bowl eligible. In the Emerald Bowl, Florida State actually showed up against UCLA, as they finally ran the ball with talented, but underutilized, senior Lorenzo Booker. The Noles wound up beating a Bruin team that was coming off a win over USC (the real one, of course). That did little to cover up last year's disappointment, though.

With fans questioning whether or not Bobby Bowden has any mojo left, the Seminoles are hoping that offensive mastermind Jimbo Fisher, who was hired to replace an ineffective Jeff Bowden (yes, another Bowden), will help lead the team back to dominance.

With high expectations but less patience than ever from FSU fans, the pressure is really on Bobby and Jimbo to produce in Monday night's game.

However, a Clemson defense playing in front of a Death Valley crowd is a less-than-ideal situation for them.

On the flip side, while Clemson has a potent rushing attack with James Davis and C.J. Spiller, Florida State is not a team you want to break in a new quarterback against. Many fans have already lost confidence in Tommy Bowden, and a loss on Monday would send Tiger fans into an uproar with last season's collapse still on everybody's minds. Tommy almost has to win the Atlantic Division this year to save his job, so opening the season with a conference loss would be a major blow to that goal.

As we've seen in the past, whoever ends up winning this game will not be out of the woods.

Both teams are desperately in need of a big season, which extends well beyond the opening game.

Simply put, Clemson and Florida State both have more to lose than they have to gain on Monday.

The losing team will face an uphill battle in the Atlantic Division race, while the losing coach will have an uphill battle against the fans, and in Tommy's case, for his job.

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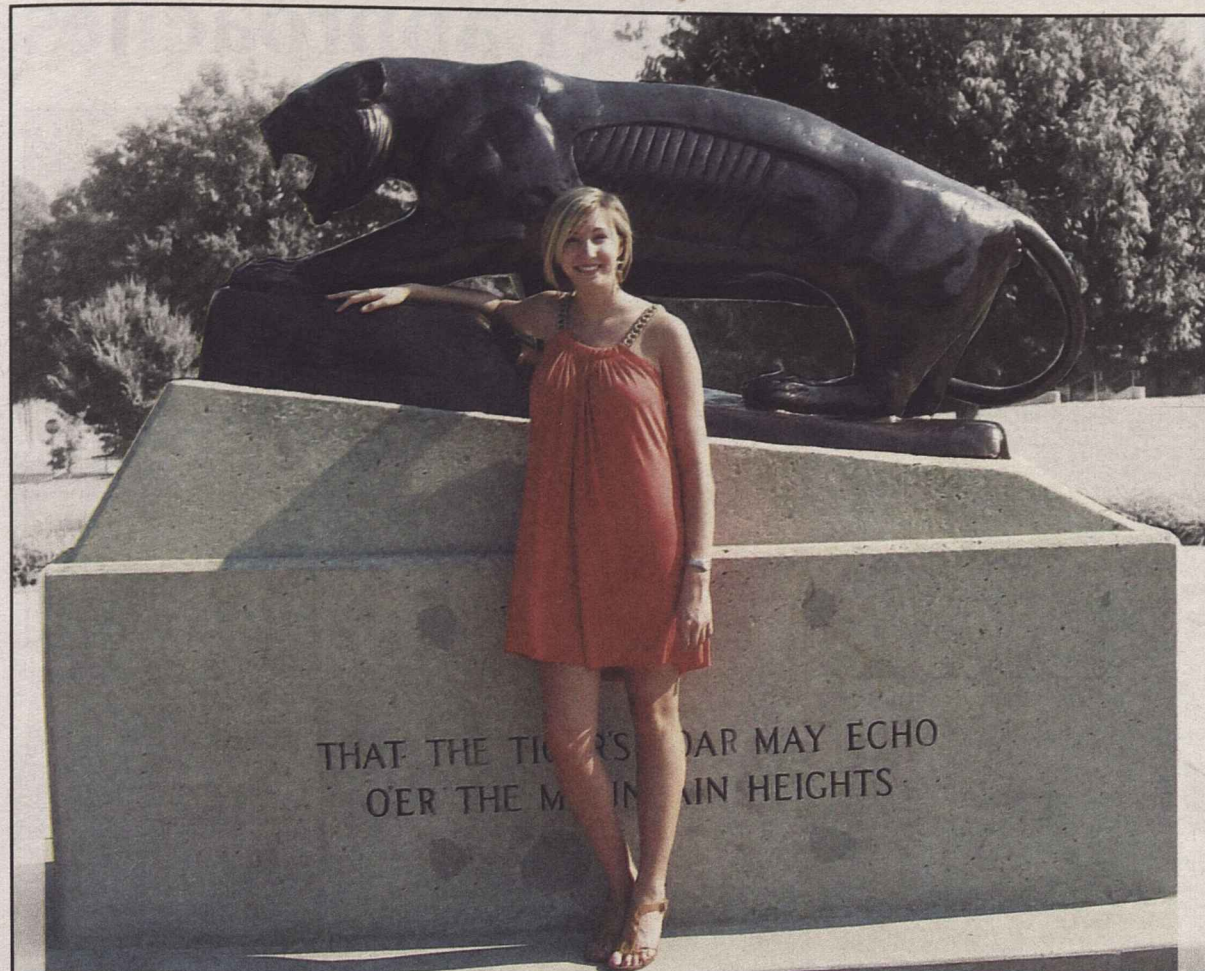
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SCORING: Spiller, Davis anchor Tigers *from page C1*

nation. Last season, together they pounded it out on the ground for over 2,125 yards and 27 touchdowns, finishing second in the nation in terms of yards and yards per game. Davis was an All-ACC pick last year, while Spiller earned a freshmen first-team All-American. Davis had 1,187 yards rushing with an average of 5.8 yards per carry and tied for the ACC lead with 17 touchdowns. Spiller rushed for 938 yards with 12 total touchdowns—10 on the ground. This stands as a school freshman record.

At wideout, Aaron Kelly looks to be a good bet for Clemson with his 30 catches and three touchdowns in 2006. Kelly is just 70 yards shy of 1,000 career yards, an impressive goal for a junior. Joining him will be Tyler Grisham, trying to keep up the tradition left by graduate Chansi Stuckey. Grisham had 25 catches for 264 yards with three touchdowns. Jacoby Ford, one of the fastest players in the country, is sure to show his speed this year. With 15 receptions for 187 yards last season, Ford's best performance came with a 76-yard touchdown reception against South Carolina. He did well in the spring game with seven catches for 105 yards. Athletic junior Rendrick Taylor, also known as "The Hulk," also returns to the receiver corps after missing half of 2006 with a broken arm.

Tight ends Akeem Robinson, Michael Palmer, and Durrell Barry are all more than capable of replacing graduate Thomas Hunter. Even though Robinson did not have a catch last season, he returns to the Tigers based upon his blocking spirit.

At offensive line, where the play-

ers that literally go head-to-head with the competition, preseason All-American left tackle Barry Richardson is the lone returning starter. Richardson has started 32 consecutive games and last season recorded 75 knockdown blocks while only allowing two sacks. In his final season, the offensive line will be looking to Richardson to lead them to some strong holds.

Right tackle Christian Capote will join Richardson and move up to starting position after being a very capable backup last season. In 2006, he appeared in 13 games and had at least one knockdown block in each of those games while playing on reserve to Marion Dukes. redshirt junior Cory Lambert, who served on special teams last year, also has a chance to see playing time again this year behind Capote.

Chris McDuffie will be on the line as first-team left guard. After taking over for an injured Roman Fry last season, McDuffie will be on track with experience in his 340 snaps and 50 knockdown blocks, 37 of which came in the last five games of last season. Right guard Thomas Austin will be one to look out for as a stand-out sophomore, fighting for the starting position against senior Brandon Pilgrim. Pilgrim played 204 snaps in 2006.

Center Barry Humphries comes to the line as the first starting sophomore center in the last 20 years at Clemson. Humphries played 84 snaps and had almost 17 knockdowns last season. His ratio of one knockdown block every five plays was the best on the team. Ben Ramsey serves as Humphries's backup going into the fall.

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Pennant races heating up as October approaches

The Tiger's MLB specialist breaks down the playoff chances of postseason contenders.

RYAN LAUNIUS
STAFF WRITER

The Boston Red Sox enter the month of September as the most well-rounded team. They have seen great individual and team performances all season long and show no signs of letting up. With top-rate pitching in the starting rotation and bullpen, along with solid hitting, players have room to slump and

still find ways to win ballgames. The Red Sox will finish the season with their first division championship since 1995.

This season, the New York Yankees have had one of the most impressive offenses of the past decade. The numbers that the Bronx Bombers put out on a game-to-game basis are unbelievable. However, poor pitching will always be a downfall for playoff contenders despite the performance of their offense. The Yankees will miss the playoffs for the first time since 1994 as they will lose the Wild Card slot to an AL West team.

The Cleveland Indians are

a team that feeds off of being well-rounded. None of their stats are overly impressive individually, but every major stat category is in the top 10 in the AL. Poor relief pitching and a general lack of power players in a strong division will hurt the Indians over the next month. However, their faults are not as large as those of their competitors. The Indians will win their division and make the playoffs for the first time since 2001.

The Detroit Tigers have a wide array of talented veterans and young players on their team.

However, they often find themselves down early in games with their end of the rotation pitchers. Even with a great offense, those gaps will be tough to make up and the Tigers will take too many losses in the next month. The '06 AL Champions will need to wait until next year to try to reclaim their throne since they will not play this October.

The Los Angeles Angels are an all around impressive team. They have great pitching, solid hitting and easily one of the best bullpens in the majors. However, the Angels will close their season with a six-game road trip where they will lose all hope of winning the division. But a team this talented will still make the playoffs and have a good shot at winning it all this fall. The Angels will walk away with the 2007 AL Wild Card slot.

The Seattle Mariners have a special blend of power, on-base percentage and relief pitching that have been pushing them to the top of their division. They are playing inspired baseball with a solid combination of timely hitting and finesse pitching. Seattle will take the

AL West Division and make the playoffs for the first time since 2001, when Lou Piniella was still their manager.

The dangerously efficient New York Mets score runs by getting on base, stealing a base and knocking in the runner(s) with another hit. The Mets have been coasting for the past couple of weeks and will continue to play solid baseball as their offense and pitching keep rolling. New York will win the NL East comfortably and will more than likely have a two-week period where they can rest up their usual starters so they can be fresh and healthy for a playoff run.

The Atlanta Braves' post-trade deadline batting lineup may be one of the fiercest in the NL with the addition of hometown favorite Mark Teixeira. However, their starting pitcher woes, along with the injury to Edgar Renteria, will continue to haunt them through the rest of September.

The Braves are currently four games out of the Wild Card, but show no signs of life as they are losing series to non-contenders on a weekly basis. The Braves will not make the playoffs this year but have a bright future ahead of them.

The Philadelphia Phillies are a hitting-oriented team with little to no pitching. Now that Cole Hamels has dropped out of the rotation for at least two weeks, the Phillies will do even worse despite the return of Chase Utley to the batting lineup. Even though they are only three games out of the wild card, Philadelphia no longer has a proven ace on their squad and will soon find the goal of the playoffs to be unreachable.

The Chicago Cubs have a strong starting rotation, a decent bullpen and an offense that can best be described as anemic. The Cubs only have two series left against teams over .500 and are expected to have Alfonso Soriano back in the lineup within the next week, which should help bring their hitting back up to a respectable level. With Carlos Zambrano and the rest of the rotation churning out quality starts, the Cubs are the most talented team in the NL Central and will find themselves in first place on Oct. 1.

The Milwaukee Brewers are a team that feed off of streaky pitching and long ball hitting. However, even with a half-healthy Ben Sheets coming back, the Brewers are in a tail-spin and will have to lose Prince Fielder for three games as he serves a suspension for an on field argument with an umpire. They also have a terrible road record (25-40) and must play five more series on the road. Milwaukee will have a losing record by the end of the year and will miss the playoffs for the 25th straight season.

Altogether, the 2007 St. Louis Cardinals are an unimpressive team that has outplayed their own ability to be in the playoff race. Although they have been hot lately, they still have five games left against the division-leading Chicago Cubs, who they are 4-7 against this season.

Also, the Cards' makeshift pitching rotation will deteriorate from a lack of rest, as they will play 35 games in 34 days to end the season. The Cardinals will be edged out of the playoffs this season, finishing second in the NL Central.

The Arizona Diamondbacks represent a different breed of playoff contenders, utilizing all sorts of players out of their farm system.

This team has a lot of young, yet inexperienced players who are still having trouble hitting for average and producing runs consistently. Arizona covers this weakness by having a stellar bullpen with a strong rotation. The D-backs will not finish the last month as strongly as they have played in July and August but will still wind up settling for the Wild Card, giving them their first playoff appearance since 2002.

The San Diego Padres have a terrible offense that has plagued their team all season long, but their pitching lineup, which sports a team ERA of 3.59, is the best that the Major Leagues has to offer.

As the last month finishes out, the Padres will play seven games against the division-leading Diamondbacks at home. Look for the San Diego pitching to shut down the D-Backs as they cruise to their third consecutive NL West title.

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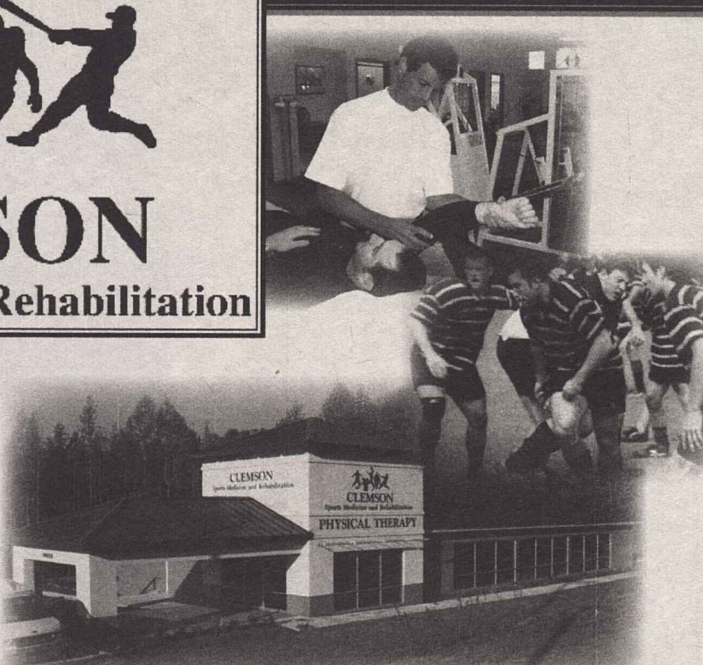
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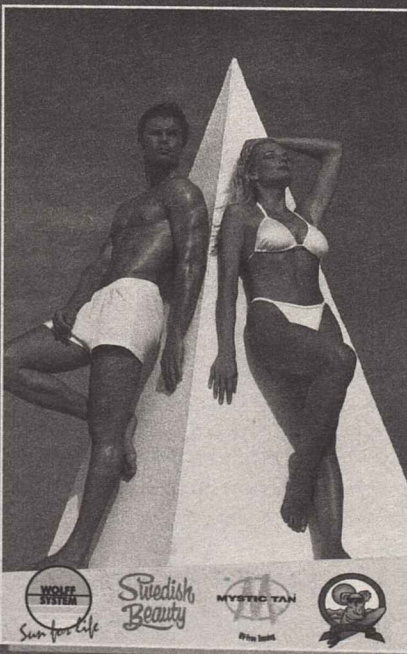
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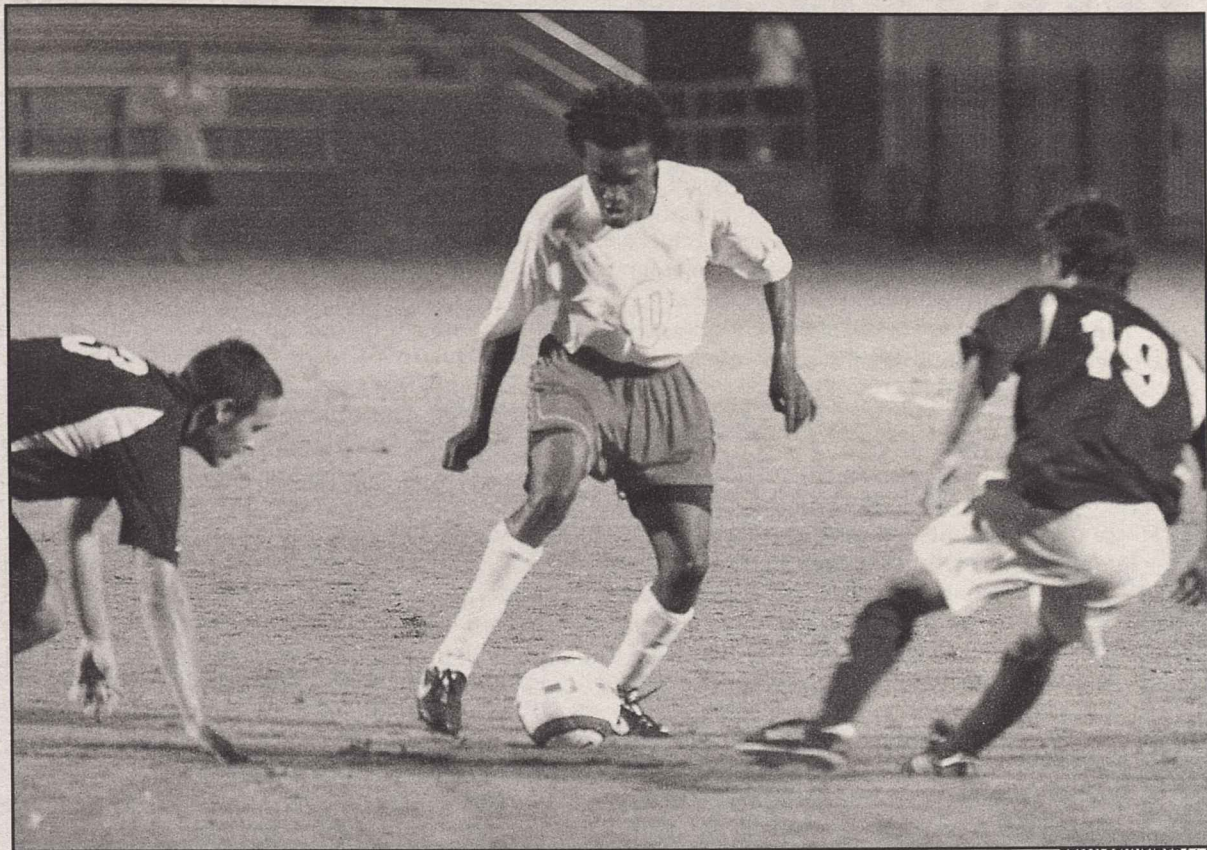
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RELOADING TALENT: Clemson continues their soccer dynasty under head coach Trevor Adair. They are ranked No. 12 preseason, despite the departure of Tiger great Dane Richards.

Clemson soccer gets going with lots of talent and a promising season ahead.

TYRONE GAYLE
STAFF WRITER

MEN'S SOCCER

Team Outlook: Following an appearance in the final four two years ago, the 2006 Clemson Tigers impressed fans again—advancing to the sweet sixteen and compiling a 13-5-2 record. Despite the loss of studs Dane Richards (11 goals, nine assists in 2006), Hector Quintanar (7 assists), Frederico Moojen (11 goals, two assists), Phill Marfuggi (243 career saves), Alan O'Hara and Micah Ustry, the 2007 Tigers (ranked No. 12 for the preseason) are still talented at all positions and will be, yet again, a force in the ACC.

The strongest and most experienced unit will be the midfielders, led by seniors Danny Poe and Mark Buchholz.

When asked about this year's team, sophomore mid-fielder Paulo Bonifirm replied, "I'm very excited for this year. We have a really young team but I think we're looking good all the way

around. Everyone works hard and we have very coachable people". Added to the mix will be the seventh best recruiting class, according to the College Soccer News. Coach Adair, entering his 13th season in Tigertown, is only six mere wins away from 200 for his career.

Another year, another set of expectations to be fulfilled—stayed tuned.

Five Players to Watch

1. Joe Bendik (So./Goalkeeper)- Out goes long-time stud goalkeeper Phil Marfuggi, in comes sophomore Joe Bendik. Bendik, an Atlanta native, saw some quality action last fall starting four games and racking up garbage time in various other contests. Bendik is quoted as being a "trusted keeper who you can count on" with "very strong punting skills" by his teammates. Bendik's development this year as a full-time starter will be crucial for the Tiger's NCAA Tournament hopes.

2. Greg Eckhardt (So./Defender)- Eckhardt enjoyed a very successful freshman campaign that saw him garner Freshman All-American honors and participate as a member of the Junior National Team. This past summer,

Eckhardt competed in Brazil in the Pan Am Games. Labeled as one of the "best young defenders in the ACC," Eckhardt uses a unique blend of quickness and strong anticipation skills to keep opposing team's offenses at bay.

3. Havrid Ustry (Sr./Defense)- The Augusta, Ga. native will continue to use his experience and great awareness to team up with Eckhardt in the backfield to give Bendik some help.

4. Danny Poe (Sr./Mark Buchholz (Sr.)/Paulo Bonifirm (So.)- Midfield Rotation. This is a very balanced unit that will be vital to the success of this team in the toughest conference in the country, the ACC. Buchholz will be taking on what will arguably be one of the toughest two-sport doubles ever, trying to balance being the place kicker for the football team and playing mid-field for the soccer squad. Poe and Bonifirm are both very quick to the ball and play as if they could run for days

5. David Bell (Sr./Forward)- A guy whose field-speed rivals former Tiger and current New York Red Bull Dane Richards, Bell will also be counted on to fill the gap left by Richards and his all-world-ability to score from anywhere on the field.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Lady Tigers are coming off one of their most successful seasons ever. It was a season in which they surprised not only themselves, but the entire country as their last four games of the season had more suspense than a Stephen King novel. For those who don't remember, the Lady Tigers caught fire towards the end of the regular season winning five of their last seven games. Next, they played three NCAA tournament games that ended in PK kicks with Clemson ultimately advancing to the Elite Eight and losing to Florida State 2-1.

They return nine of 11 starters from their 11-8-5 squad, and expectations and optimism on both sides are equally high with six talented newcomers added to the mixing pot.

Coach Bramble enters his seventh season with the Lady Tigers, and also feels good about his 2007 team. "There is a good level of competition within our team right now as our upperclassmen have worked hard to improve their game and the newcomers have quickly stepped up and demonstrated that they belong at this level."

Five Players to Watch

1. Ashley Phillips (Sr./Goalkeeper)- Described by her teammates as the one who "pumps us up and gets everyone's head into the game," Phillips was named to the preseason all-American by Soccer Buzz. Last season, Phillips recorded 119 saves, a single-sea-

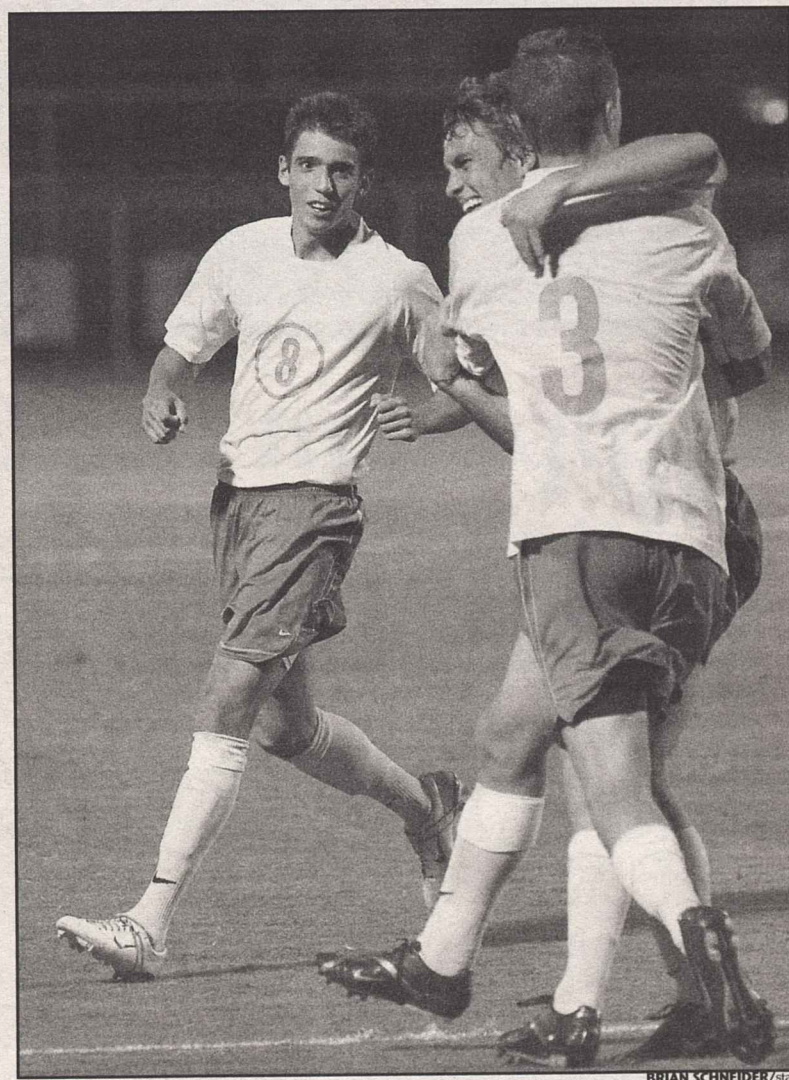
son school record. She currently ranks second in Clemson history for career solo shutouts (16) and career save percentage (.812).

2. Molly Franklin (So./Midfielder)- As demonstrated last year, her first as a Lady Tiger, Franklin has an uncanny ability to be in the right place at the right time when it's time to make a big play. Franklin tied with Julie Bolt for the team lead in points (16) and will only get better with one year of experience in the bag.

3. Julie Bolt (Jr./Forward)- A clutch performer like no other who kicked three game-winning goals last year, Bolt was an all-ACC performer last fall and gives the Lady Tigers solid leadership and decision making skills as she netted six goals and six assists last year.

4. Elizabeth Jobe (Sr./Midfielder)- Jobe's versatility allows her to play midfield and defense while excelling in both. Jobe was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) all-Southeast team last winter.

5. Courtney Foster (Sr./Midfielder)- Foster suffered a torn ACL in a preseason match against Tennessee Tech last fall and was forced to miss the entire season, but is back with a vengeance and hungry to make up for her shortened junior year. Foster has scored 25 career goals entering her senior season and is tied for ninth on the Clemson career list for most goals scored. The two-time all-ACC midfielder's presence will be felt again as she returns to the lineup.



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/STAFF

MAN HUGGING: Tiger Greg Eckhardt embraces a teammate from last season and is a player to watch out for this fall.

Clemson grieves young athlete

Unexpected death of freshman swimmer shocks university, family and friends.

ALAN SMITH
SPORTS EDITOR

On Tuesday, tragedy struck Clemson University when freshman swimmer Amy Moxie collapsed and died while jogging. Moxie was running along Perimeter Road with two other teammates when she suddenly collapsed of what was later determined to be a torn aorta. She was pronounced dead Tuesday night at Oconee Memorial Hospital.

Moxie, a Simpsonville native, had just completed her first week as a Clemson student. She was a member of the Clemson swimming team and would have been a middle distance swimmer for the Tigers, according to

Coach Christopher Ip. The day before, she had passed a physical and was cleared by the university to swim.

Moxie was a standout swimmer at Mauldin High School, winning a state championship in 2005 and finishing as state runner-up in two events in 2006. This past year, she finished in the South Carolina state top 10 in five separate categories.

According to Ip, Moxie had expressed her commitment to the program, citing her hard work ethic and motivation to perform at a high level. Close friends of Moxie mourned as the devastating news spread.

She was described as being a joyful person to be around.

In addition, Moxie was a terrific student in high school who was enrolled as a pre-business major at Clemson.

A candlelight vigil was held in her honor at St. Mary Magdelene Catholic Church on Wednesday night.

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safety position.

The cornerback positions vacated by Coleman and Gaddis will be filled by Chris Chancellor and Crezdon Butler, but Byron Maxwell and Marcus Gilchrist will see significant playing time.

The last Clemson defense to finish ranked first in the nation was an extremely talented squad in 1991.

This year's edition looks to break that 16 year drought by using superior speed, strength and size to wear down opponents and drive offensive coordinators crazy.

With Koenning at the helm and plenty of talent at his disposal, the Tigers may be well on their way to doing just that.

WOMEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

8/31 Liberty
9/5 Coastal Carolina
9/7 Long Beach State
9/9 Western Carolina
9/14 Furman
9/16 @ Charlotte
9/21 South Carolina
9/23 Wofford
9/27 Maryland
9/30 Boston College
10/5 @North Carolina
10/11 @ Virginia Tech
10/14 @Virginia
10/18 @North Carolina State
10/21 Wake Forest
10/27 @Miami
11/1 Florida State
11/3 Duke
11/7 ACC Tournament Begins

MEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

8/31 South Carolina
9/2 Gardner-Webb
9/7 @Virginia Tech
9/9 VCU
9/12 USC Upstate
9/18 Stetson
9/21 Wake Forest
9/25 Elon
9/28 Duke
10/2 Georgia Southern
10/5 @Maryland
10/9 @ UNC Asheville
10/12 Virginia
10/17 Furman
10/21 @ North Carolina State
10/26 @ North Carolina
10/30 Coastal Carolina
11/4 Boston College
11/13 ACC Tournament Begins

"House of Hufflepuff is the shortbus of Harry Potter."

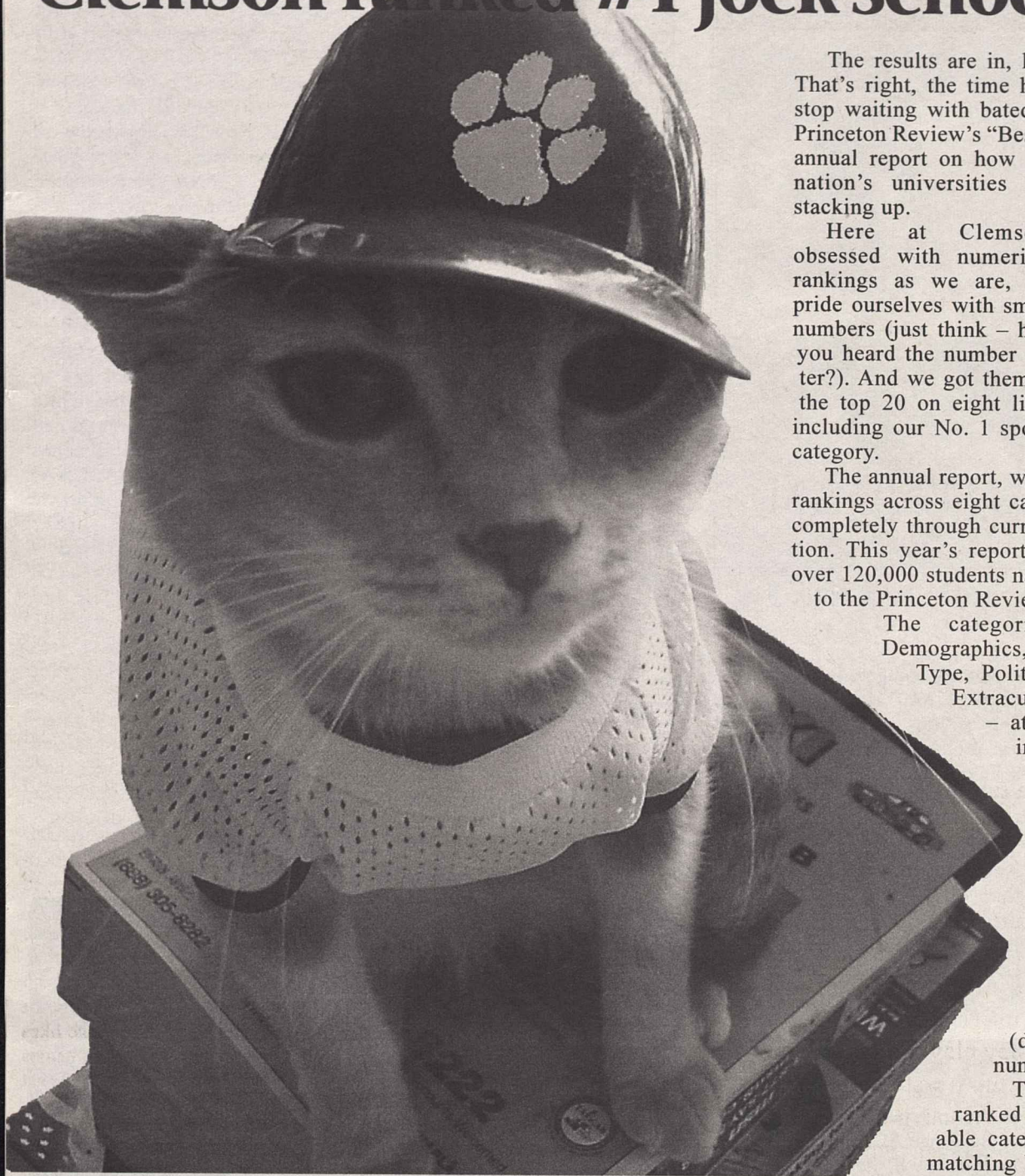
THE TIGER

TimeOut

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Clemson ranked #1 jock school. What else is new?



The results are in, ladies and gentlemen. That's right, the time has come. We can all stop waiting with bated breath for the 2008 Princeton Review's "Best 366 Colleges," their annual report on how the nation's universities are stacking up.

Here at Clemson, obsessed with numerical rankings as we are, we pride ourselves with small numbers (just think – how many times have you heard the number 27 so far this semester?). And we got them this year, placing in the top 20 on eight lists in six categories, including our No. 1 spot in the Jock School category.

The annual report, which is made up of 62 rankings across eight categories, is compiled completely through current student participation. This year's report includes input from over 120,000 students nation-wide, according to the Princeton Review's website.

The categories – Academics, Demographics, Parties, Schools by Type, Politics, Quality of Life, Extracurricular and Social – attempt to provide an insider's insight into the aspects of college life that you won't see reflected in the *U.S. News and World Report's* annual mecca of all that is worthy in higher education, their "America's Best Colleges" report (did I mention the number 27?).

This year Clemson ranked in some predictable categories including our matching No. 12 spots in both

"Students Pack the Stadium" and "Everyone Plays Intramural Sports" categories. We also ranked expectedly in the categories reflecting our proud college-town tradition: No. 11 in "Best Quality of Life," No. 6 in "Gown-Town Relations are Great" and No. 3 in "Happiest Students." There is also my personal favorite: our No. 14 ranking in "Students Most Nostalgic for Ronald Reagan." Clemson? Conservative? You don't say!

While the rankings paint a utopian portrait of Clemson as the happy-go-lucky jock school, the omissions in rankings seem to be more telling about what Clemson lacks than anything else. We were only ranked in one academic category, taking the No. 4 spot for "Best Career/Placement Services," which, while nice with mad props to Michelin, reflects what I consider the sad march away from traditional and important liberal arts education, and more towards the university as job training, complete with corporate partnerships. Especially for our obsession with becoming a Top 20 school, we're going to have to figure out how to rank in some other academic categories like "Best Classroom Experience" or "Professors Get High Marks."

Clemson was completely void of recognition in two entire categories, which can be considered a mixed blessing. We – not surprisingly and quite unfortunately – failed to rank in the "Demographics" category, which mainly reflects racial diversity and acceptance of sexual orientation.

The good news, though, is that we also failed to rank in the Parties category. This is a good thing, because if we had, I'm afraid they would have had to create a category for us called "Most Culturally Insensitive and Offensive Theme Parties." And a heads up to freshmen: when people try to tell you that Clemson is the No. 1 party school in the nation, you'll know better. According to the report, we aren't even in the top 20. It's okay, though. We've got another "Top 20" to worry about.

LIZ HUNTER

STAFF WRITER

Trapped in the Closet Leaves Audiences Claustrophobic

In a world where few things remain constant, R. Kelly provides great comfort. Fans of the R&B crooner waited 21 turmoil-filled months for the resolution to the popular "Trapped in the Closet: Chapters 1-12." Thank goodness "Trapped in the Closet: Chapters 13-22" picks up right where the previous installment stopped.

As R. Kelly sings over the same thick bass groove as the last album, one experiences the warmth of seeing a sunrise or sleeping in a childhood bed, feeling the assurance that everything will be okay. Dependability is an underrated virtue. "The Trapped in the Closet" franchise begins with an affair between the hero, Sylvester, and Cathy. The early return of Cathy's husband abruptly ends the liaison and forces Sylvester, played by R. Kelly, to take refuge in the closet. This simple affair acts as the finger that flicks the first domino and sends the lives of all other characters tumbling. Kelly subtly develops the characters and intertwines their seemingly separate stories with a nuanced eye, linking them with an unfolding tale of infidelity.

Some might say that the beat is

impossible to dance to, but no one boogies to Mozart. DJs do not play Beethoven at weddings. They play Sir Mix-a-Lot. Savvy listeners will not want to dance. They will pull the blinds, unplug the phone, and enjoy modern brilliance. Some may say that singing 22 individual songs over the same beat lacks originality, but no one asked William Shakespeare to stop writing in iambic pentameter. Some might also say that it is impossible to shock an audience after homosexual preacher affairs, little person strippers, gun fighting and Rosie the Nosey Neighbor have already been introduced in Volume One. Lesbian affairs, Lucious the Pimp, Mobster Joey, drug use and more gunplay in Volume Two settle these concerns.

R. Kelly displays the kind of ingenuity only those with initials for first names possess. R.L. Stine, author of "Monster Blood I, II and III," would be proud. In addition to keeping the already complex plot structure straight, R. Kelly introduces even more names that the audience, hopefully ready for a challenge, must organize. He plays three additional roles, bumping his final tally to five different characters, each with a unique personality and behavioral patterns. Pimp Lucious has a stutter. Rev. Mosely James Evans

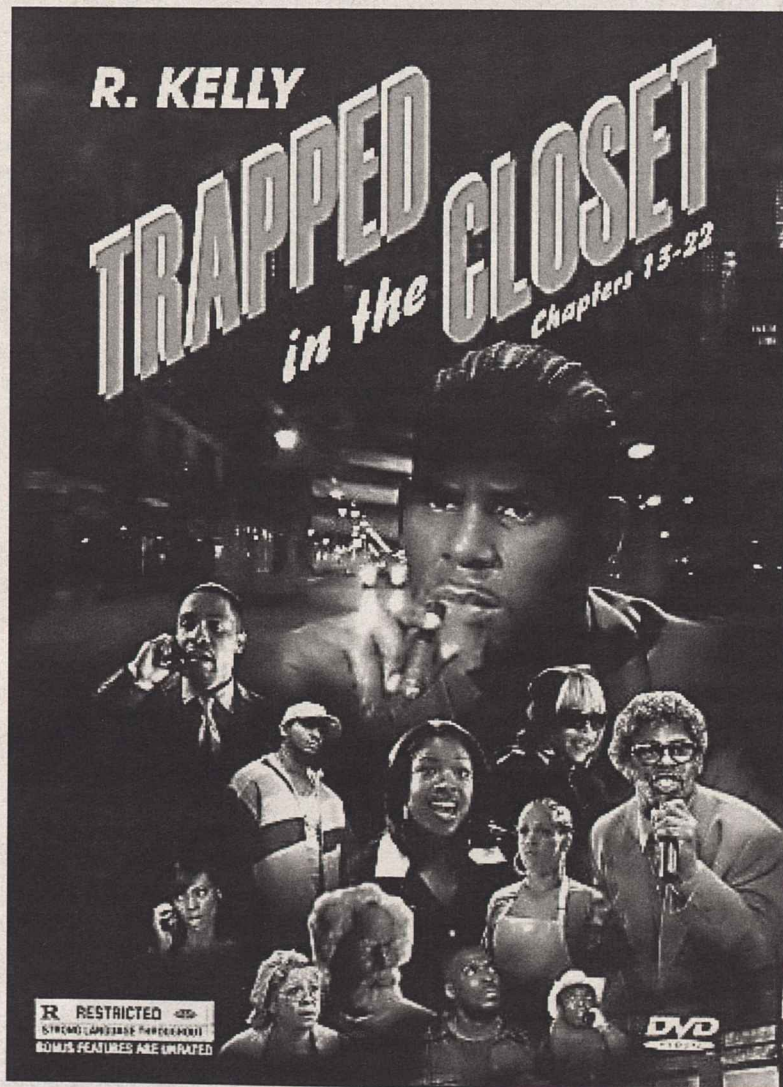
has a wig. Randolph has a fat suit. Kelly shows more range than Eddie Murphy showed in his finest roles, "Norbit" and "The Klumps." Can a movie contract be far off?

Twan, Sylvester's gangster brother-in-law, enjoys a larger role in the second volume. R. Kelly takes this opportunity to educate his fan base about the dangers of firearms and marijuana. Sylvester advises Twan to quit smoking and trying to shoot people. Fans of the franchise are voicing their appreciation for the social concern. Drew, a devout fan, credits R. Kelly with changing his life.

"I always thought it would be cool to be a gangster, but after seeing the comic mischief that poor decisions can cause, I've decided that it's just not worth it," said Drew.

Friends of Drew were concerned that the four hours he spent daily watching Volume One were impacting his studies but are happy about the positive influence. It might seem hypocritical for Mr. Kelly to criticize Twan for owning a gun while simultaneously glorifying Sylvester's willingness to draw his weapon, but devout fans like Drew appreciate that Kelly can "recognize the difference between proper and improper gun fighting."

Not since Los Del Rio's smash



hit "Macarena" has a song no one understood been so wildly popular. In fact, "Trapped in the Closet" ranks behind only The Kingsmen's "Louie Louie" as the greatest unintelligible

song ever written. R. Kelly practically dares the audience to follow the unraveling absurdity. If I didn't have to buy new socks this week, I would totally consider buying this DVD.

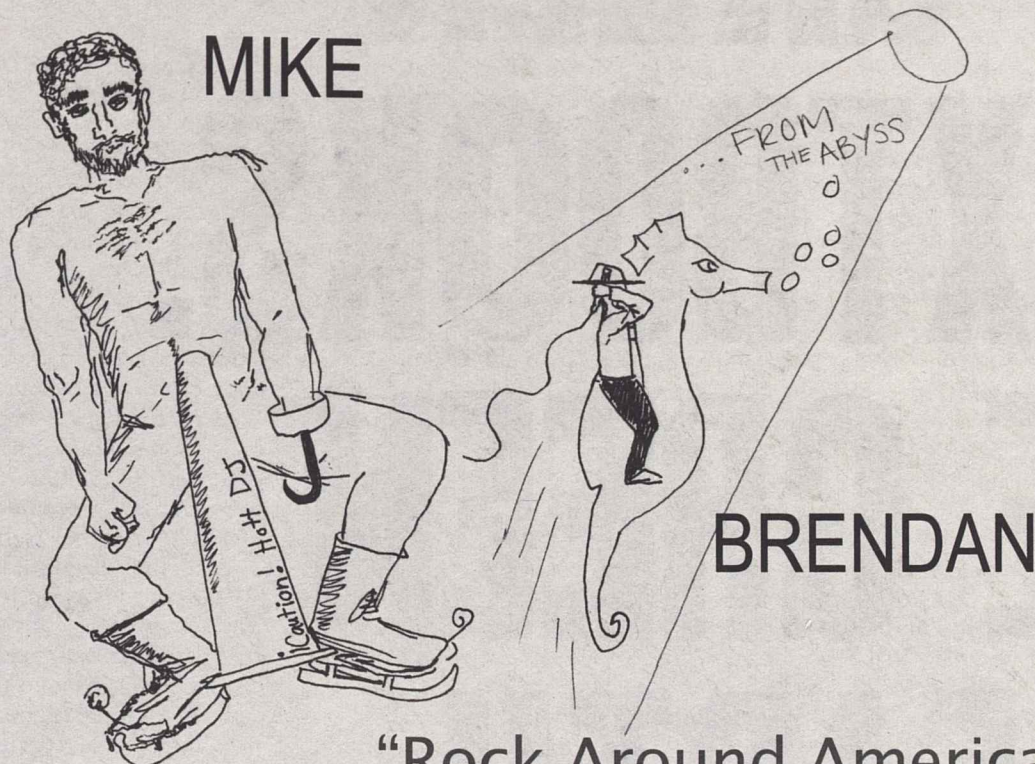
RAD THIE

STAFF WRITER



DJ of the Week

DJs Michael Sanders and Brendan Atkinson discuss being a part of the WSBF staff with Managing Editor, Emily Sparr. Below are drawings of Michael and Brendan, drawn by the two DJs and their peers.



"Rock Around America" Wednesdays 9p.m.-11p.m.

Emily Sparr: What is your show about?

Mike Sanders: Every week we visit a different city/region and only play music from that area from the past 10 years.

ES: What cities are you doing first?

Brendan Atkinson: Our first show was New York. Next week will be Athens, Ga., then Chicago, Seattle and New Orleans.

ES: What are the benefits of a specialty show?

MS: The chicks.

BA: You know groupies. Whatever.

ES: Who are some of the artists will you be featuring from Athens?

BA: Of Montreal, Perpetual Groove and Elf Power, whom we met and hung out with at the Bowman Block Party.

ES: How long have you been DJ-ing for WSBF?

BA: 2 years.

MS: 1 year.

ES: So here is a random question, what have you eaten most since you have been back at Clemson?

MS: Sonic

BA: To be honest, PBR.

ES: What music do you enjoy listening to?

BA: The stuff they play at China Wok II. It is probably the worst music you will ever hear. It is Asian guys who think they are opera singers and make every measure the climax of the song. Also, Belle and Sebastian.

ES: What else are you up to this semester?

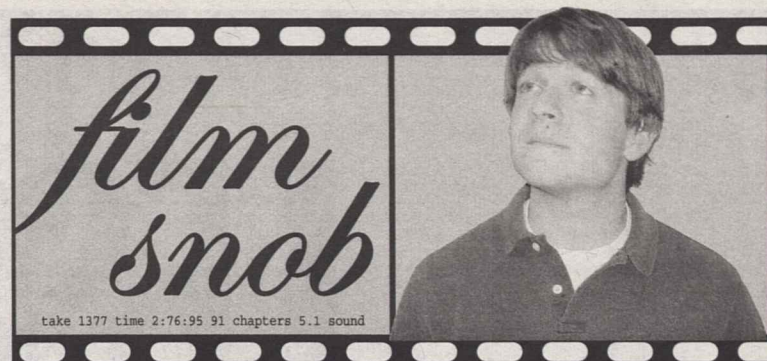
MS: We aren't really doing much this semester, but my personal goal is to be on the front cover of "GQ Magazine."

BA: I am just interviewing this semester.

ES: How would you describe your fan base?

MS: They have good taste.

BA: Monetarily persuaded.



Those four little white characters popped up against the blue background and I knew at that moment that this was going to be a wild ride. It was the first time I had ever seen the NC-17 rating up on a screen. I've seen unrated movies before, but having the rating up there was like a confirmation that I am about to watch something that, maybe, I shouldn't be.

CHRIS JAYNES

STAFF WRITER

But who gets to decide that I might find this movie tasteless or immoral? (I didn't and I don't really see an issue with seeing those few images....) Isn't that up to me, and the only way I can really judge that is by seeing the movie, right? I just have this feeling – or realization—that if you go through life always heading other people's warnings or judgments you will never really experience anything. Isn't putting on NC-17 a warning label for movies a form of censorship? That label would make me not want to go see that movie, and just because some group in California had a problem with it. They have placed a stigma on a movie that most people would, because of the rating, feel to ashamed to go see now. (I think people should see this movie, I might not tell everyone at my church to go see it, but I think maybe they should) Also distributors won't pick it up because people won't go see it so they can't make a profit off of showing the film. It's the perfect way to keep Hollywood-esque films dominant at the book office. If your film doesn't look like ours we are going to place a warning label on it so cement it's Other status.

One of the things that I realized watching the documentary is that pornos were the original independent film, or according to Damiano. Like with ratings Hollywood was the gatekeepers to making movies—or monopoly. Hollywood seems a lot like the stereotype of the mob. If you don't go with them they will break you, or slander you and ruin your reputation. Studios could throw tons of money into production value. So people like Damiano who could get cheap cameras and stock could make cheap films but no one would go see poor productions, they had to add spectacle to get people to come view their very low budget films. Unlike most independent films these days', movies like "Deep Throat" got all kinds of classes to attend the screenings. I didn't matter if you were rich, poor, black, white, American, male or female you went to see this new "type" of film. Movies aren't like that anymore. The sense of community has been lost, but they may have to do with our generation and not movies... or maybe it does.

I really enjoyed this documentary. It lived up to the genre; it got me to a place that I normally wouldn't have ventured, but I might now... not current "Deep Throat" wannabes, but movies with NC-17 ratings or "weird" types. The filmmakers did a great job weaving in humor and history the film. I laughed (A lot!) and I learned (Just as much as I laughed), wait... according to Schaefer's article movies should only be entertaining, and here I am learning something.

I am interested in the social contexts of this movie, and I think the movie paints a fair picture of it. The Nixon stacked court, the

Times square development council, Scientific commissions were all things I was not aware of, but did have a big effect on what happened during the release of Deep Throat and other films. I think the biggest shocker was the 1968 commission on the effects of lured films that didn't find any conclusive links between porno's and other deviant behaviors. You think that would have been more publicized, but no it was hidden in obscurity.

I think this is a film most people should see, it has a lot to do with other questions that seem to always being asked by society. (See added note below) Who gets to put what control over society? The question of censorship is a lot like Religion in Politics, if you force people to do something is it really authentic, and are you really addressing the issue? As a Christian I wouldn't want Religion to drive politics because that is just going to lead to even worse issues, and I think that images are a tricky thing to regulate and place labels on. It should be up to the viewer what they want to see and carry in their memory.

Added note: As I was re-reading my notes and this entry I forgot about how the film also showed how women can be exploited by this industry (and as always men). I have a huge problem with that. There is always an interview with some porn star who says she does it for the money and because she likes it, but it is always the biggest names like Jenna Jameson and such. What about all the girls who don't really have a life, family, or money; and are looking to get into the industry because they think the only thing of value they have is their body? I know they get taken advantage of a lot and probably aren't paid anything. – We have fair-trade coffees and such, why not fair-trade porn? -- You hear all the time for different religious groups that we should all shun the porno industry and they paint all they people who are in it as wicked.

Okay, I may not agree with what they do, but how can you condemn a girl who has nothing else and no one else has embraced her to try and help her? Shouldn't we be the ones out there trying to help her? Certain groups what the industry to stop, but what if we helped those that didn't really want to get into it in the first place by giving them another choice and not just condemning them.

I'm not saying everyone in the porno industry is forced in it, I am sure there are a lot of sleaze balls in there, but attacking them doesn't help, and like the case with "Deep Throat" adds a little titillation to the industry that drives some people to it.

Going with my fair-trade note above it says a lot about the class that watches those types of films. I assume fair-trade coffee is directed at a upper class consumer, while porn is cheap and marketed to lower classes. The upper class can pay for and demand products that are made humanely, but the average porn watcher doesn't care or wouldn't pay more for it... there is some interesting economic questions there...

Something else: The porn industry has gotten so big and mainstream why are they still relying on spectacle to get viewers, not that it has some more power why can't they adopt a little more similarities to HW and provide production value?

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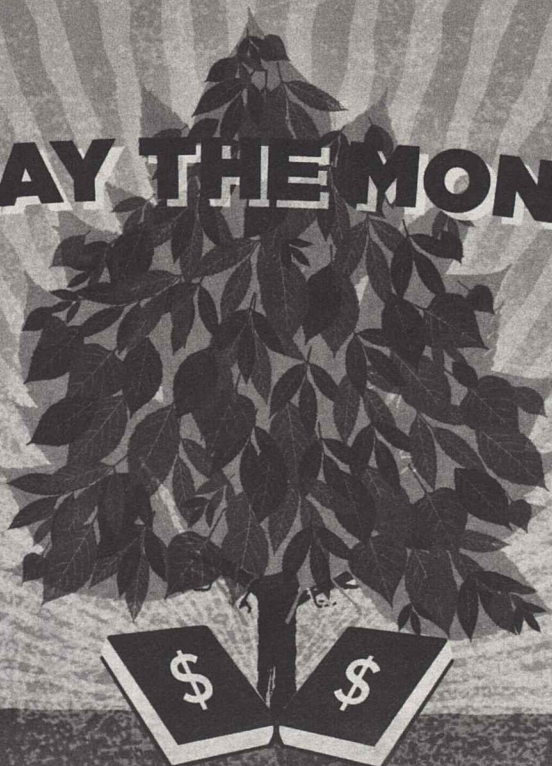


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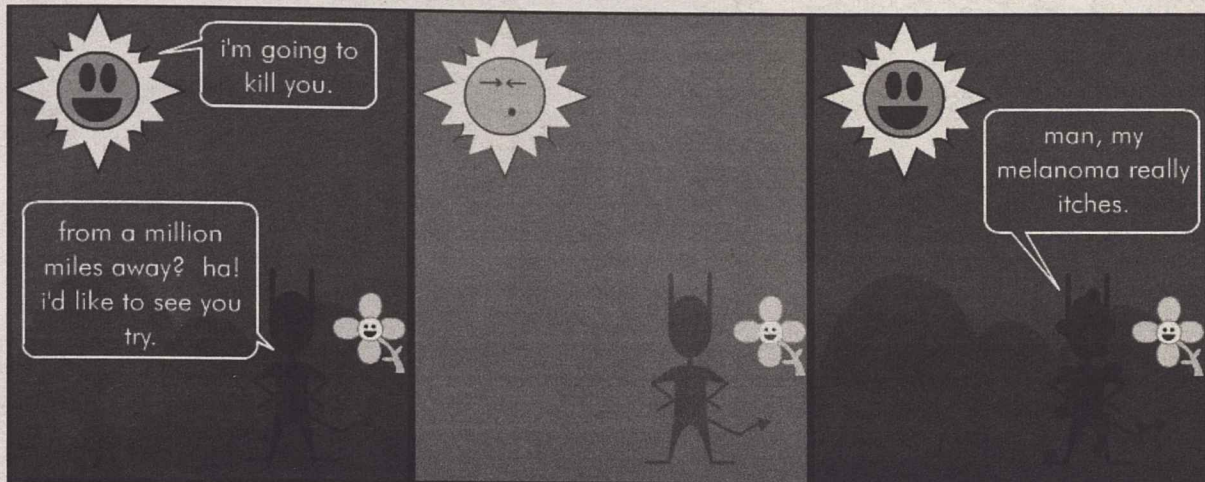
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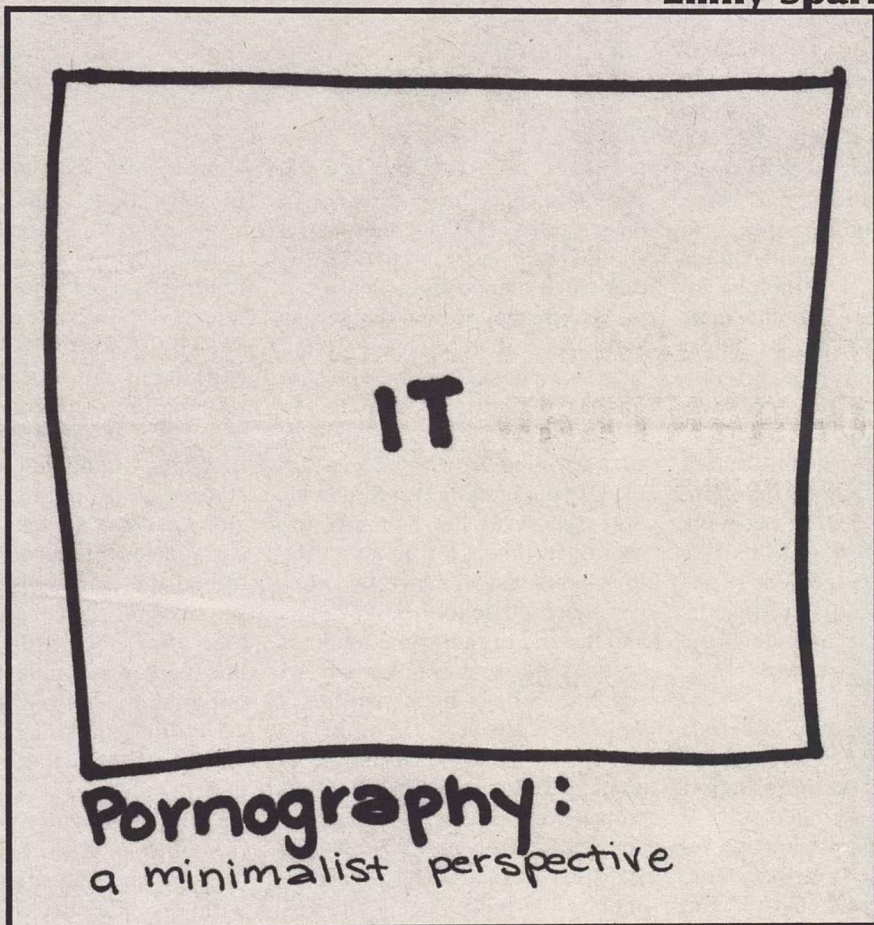
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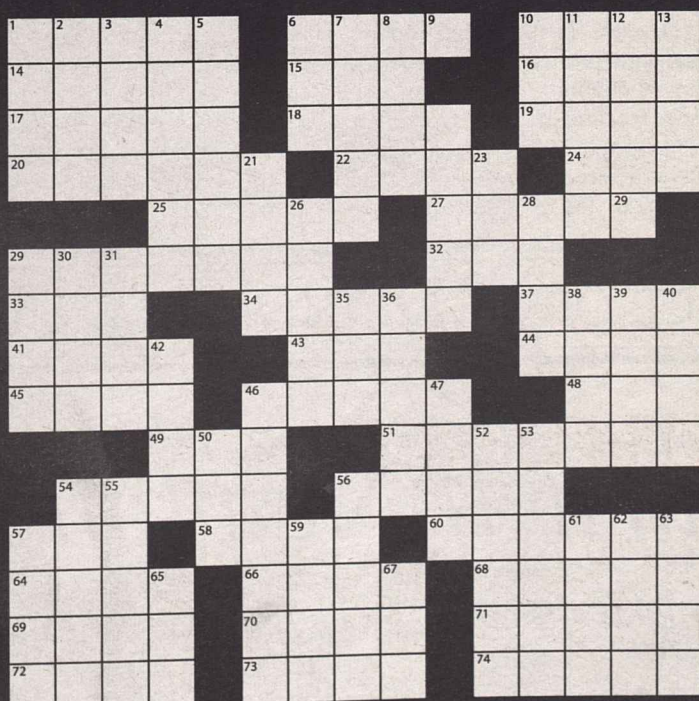
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Upstate Calendar of Events August 31 – September 8

8/31 - PictureMeFree at Loose Change in downtown Clemson. Doors open at 5 p.m., Show at 10 p.m.

8/31 through 9/3 - The Great Southeast BalloonFest at the Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center in Anderson, S.C. The festivities include hot air balloons, concerts, and a kids' area. For parking, ticket info and times visit www.andersonevents.com.

8/30 through 9/9 - Upper S.C. State Fair in Greenville, S.C. For times, list of events, and ticket info visit <http://upperscstatefair.com/>.

9/1 - Last Chance Summer Dance at Littlejohn Coliseum. Featuring "American Idol" contestant Elliot Yamin along with nine other artists. Doors open at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

9/2 - TigerShag at Littlejohn Coliseum. Featuring the Out of Towners along with three other bands as well as vendors, games, rides and more on the lawn. Festivities begin at 2 p.m., bands start at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

9/2 - Spiritfest 2007 at the Bilo Center in Greenville. Appearing at Mary Mary, Lee Williams & The Spiritual CQ's and others. Doors open at 4 p.m., show at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$32 (Floor Reserved Seating), \$27 Lower Bowl (General Admission), and \$32 (Day of show).

9/4 through 9/8 - South Carolina Apple Festival in Westminster, S.C. For times, list of events, and ticket info visit <http://www.westminstersc.com/event97.htm>.

9/5 - Comedy Night at Pitchers on the Lake in Clemson, S.C. featuring Caroline Picard. Opening act starts at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

9/6 through 9/8 - Tenth Annual Bluegrass in the Woods Autumn Festival. For list of bands, times and ticket prices visit <http://www.rudysbluegrass.com/6thAutumnfest.htm>

9/6 - The Groove Merchants at Loose Change in downtown Clemson. Doors open at 5 p.m., Show at 10 p.m.

9/7 - PictureMeFree at Blue Heron in downtown Clemson. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., Show at 7:30 p.m.

9/7 - Corey Smith at Littlejohn Coliseum. Opening act starts at 8 p.m., Smith at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

9/7 and 9/8 - Tipping Point: The Story of Dance at The Peace Center in Greenville, S.C. This show covers dance from the birth of ballet to Broadway and hip-hop, while mixing dancers and characters with multimedia special effects. Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are Adult \$30.00, Child (Age 12 and under) \$25.00, Senior (Age 60 and over) \$25.00.

9/8 - Mandy Patinkin in Concert with Paul Ford on piano. Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40, \$45, \$50.

The Penis Dialogues

I tried. I really did. I went into this one with high expectations. Carefully guarded expectations, but high nonetheless.

For one thing, I very much enjoyed this summer's hit and "Superbad's" older cousin film, "Knocked Up." For another thing, I was receiving positive feedback from all directions - trusted friends, credible blogs, and even my favorite high-brow critics in my favorite high-brow publications were telling me not only that I should see this film, but that I should enjoy it.

And then I saw Superbad. And I don't know whom to trust anymore.

So far, it seems that I am alone in my distaste for this film. This surprises me especially, because I feel as if there is at least half of the population who should agree with me, as this film is nothing more than a love letter from the male species to his penis - and, if you see the film, you will know that I mean that quite literally.

Whereas "Knocked Up," which was also written and directed by Judd Apatow, triumphed with its balanced, candid and realistic look into the 21st century relationship, "Superbad" simply took all of the worst and most annoying aspects of adolescence and exploited them through a string of f-bombs, d-words in reference to the male anatomy and other various chauvinistic elements that go into being a horny 17-year-old desperate to get laid.

I should clarify here that it is not the high school sex comedy that I have a problem with. I thoroughly enjoyed films like "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" and "Dazed and Confused," both of which included the same pubescent awkwardness as "Superbad."

What I am opposed to here is the manner in which "Superbad" was presented, and more importantly, whom it excluded.

This film was obviously created by the same boys-only club that created "Knocked Up." But there is a much stronger and more misogynistic "no girls allowed" aspect to this film.

A female voice is not at all present in this film, and women as subjects are excluded completely. Instead, they are simply objects as interpreted by the male gaze, and unflattering ones at that: either drunk sluts, menstruating messes, or simply as sexual objects prancing around the high school hallways, young gazelles in g-strings waiting for their male counterparts to crack the code into their skirts.

At no point, except maybe



the very end, are we allowed access to the female perspective on sexuality. It is not that a film should not be allowed to take this one-sided stance if it pleases; it is just that I find it dangerous and offensive to advance stereotypes which grossly misrepresent female sexuality, especially in a film which is geared towards such a young crowd.

Of course there were redeeming aspects to the film. At the root of it, this is a film about the love between two men - two non-popular high school best friends and the end of their time together before the scary unknown of separate college lives. And it's a well-done aspect of the film.

But the rest of the movie is so bogged down by what I would consider completely unnecessary amounts of profanity, forced slapstick comedy (let's hit the chubby kid with a car - twice!), and offensive labels that it blurs any legitimacy the rest of the story would otherwise have.

I feel that it is important to clarify that I am no prude. I appreciate and enjoy films that choose not to sugarcoat the realities of human sexuality, instead choosing to explore the subject in candid and honest ways.

I enjoy profanity as an integral and realistic part of everyday vocabulary when it is used correctly and effectively. I understand that males and females have different experiences, especially in the wonderfully awkward

ward teen years. But when quite literally every other word that comes out of a character's mouth is the f-bomb, it becomes difficult to ignore it as a seamless integration into the dialogue.

Additionally, this film exposed me to more graphic representations of the male genitalia than I'd ever expect to see in five lifetimes - and while the circumstances surrounding the inclusion of these sketched scrotums was indeed humorous, choosing to end the film with yet another progression of these images further drives home the point that this film was made by and for only one-half of our population.

I think my biggest problem with the film is that it never got past its one joke.

And after nearly two hours of the same joke, the same profanity, and the repeated obsession with the area between a man's legs (and not much else), I felt it impossible to come up for air after being buried at such a furious pace under a mile of empty stupidity.

Funny stupidity, yes, but empty.

I laughed fairly regularly, but it was empty laughter, void of anything of substance to sustain it; the kind that fades as soon as it occurs, similar to the feeling these boys would have experienced in the moment after finally getting what they crave so obsessively throughout the entire film.

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ON THE PROWL

by ORSON SWELLES

I'm not sure about the rest of you guys, but my parents would be in complete shock and disappointment if I strolled home this semester with a .6 GPA. Unfortunately, just last year, that's the GPA that was given to Clemson in Trojan's sexual health report card. In a ranking of 100 division I-A schools, Clemson was ranked 95. As a good point-of-reference, USC was sitting pretty at number 11 with a 3.0 GPA.

Maybe GPA isn't as important to you as football, so imagine that Clemson is sitting at 95 in the AP polls right next to Duke, while USC is battling it out for a BCS bowl berth at 11. If this analogy doesn't irritate you, then I give up trying to make you care about anything at all.

To achieve these grades, people from Trojan basically went poking around college websites and tried to find things like sexual health advice, STI testing, free condom awareness, and other such criteria. I think that whoever graded Clemson must have been a former gamecock, because they gave us "F's in categories like "Sex Column, Q&A" and "Condom avail." I mean, the simple fact that you are reading this column (which was around years before the report card) should warrant us at least a "C." To give an "F" is basically saying that my column is as valuable as a blank page in the newspaper where students could draw pictures of what they think Chlamydia would look like as a "Simpsons" character.

While I feel that the report is inaccurate, it does bring about thoughts that maybe our student body isn't as well informed on sexual health as it could be. Since this is the first issue of the 2007-2008 school year, and many of you freshmen may be hitting up parties this weekend, I thought we could sit down for one last lesson before the Labor Day weekend.

First of all, in regards to the "F" we received in condom availability I am a bit perturbed. If you go down to the health information floor of Redfern, you will see a bookcase that has bags of free condoms on top of it (which are obtained by donation, not by student fees). Without interrogation, waiver signing, browbeating or mockery, you can slip down there during Redfern's hours (8AM-5PM) and grab a bag for yourself. Getting an "F"

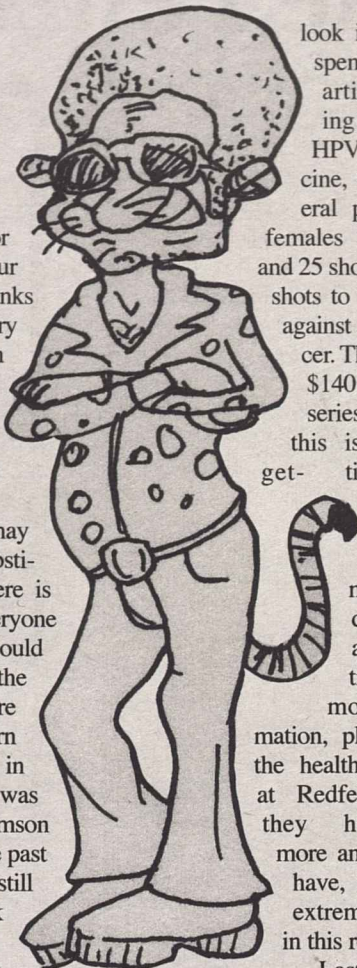
in this is like having a professor tell you that attendance is your only grade, and then he flunks you for being in class every day. I don't know how much more available condoms can be except if there was a Redfern blimp that rained down condoms into students' backpacks.

Now I know it may seem like I never talk about abstinence in my articles, but there is a good reason for that. If everyone was abstinent, a sex column would be the most boring thing in the newspaper. However, if you are abstinent, don't feel like Redfern or I are ignoring you. In fact, in a recent college survey, it was shown that 39 percent of Clemson students had not had sex in the past year. By all means, you can still come by the health center, pick up some abstinence packets, gather up other non-sexually active friends (by my calculations that makes about 6,750 students) and go inform others about the STI transmit rate among abstinent students (my guess is that it's pretty close to zero).

For those of us who are poking around and want extra security to go along with condom use, there are two main options. The first is to ensure that you and others are not currently carrying any STIs. Please, get yourself tested for these diseases if you have had sex with anyone at whom you did not know the sexual history (or even if you haven't). The HIV test costs a mere seven dollars, and around the end of November, Redfern even does a week of free testing for HIV. The results are extremely confidential, and the only way to get your results is to show up in person at Redfern three to five days after the test.

I recommend getting tested for other diseases as well. Syphilis will cost you \$11, Gonorrhea/Chlamydia is \$23, and if you really want to be sure that you have a clean bill of health, you can get a Herpes test for only a little more than the Gonorrhea one. This means that for less than one Benjamin Franklin bank note, you can be comforted in the fact that you know how sexually healthy you are.

On this line of thinking, the HPV vaccine is another line of defense to



look into. I could spend an entire article writing about the HPV and its vaccine, but the general point is that females between 18 and 25 should get these shots to help prevent against cervical cancer. There are three \$140 shots in the series, and while this is expensive, getting the shots anywhere else will cost you more due to doctor and administration fees. For more information, please talk to the health department at Redfern, because they have many more answers than I have, and they are extremely helpful in this regard.

Lastly, Redfern is very useful in the women's health area. They have a resident nurse practitioner who is the head of the women's clinic, and from what I've heard, she is many girls' best friend around campus. While the pharmacy carries all types of birth control (the patch, the ring and pills), it only has the generic brand for the pills which run about \$16 a month, while the others are more expensive. As a last resort, you can go to the nurses' station and get the Plan B pill without any prescription notice. I know there is a swirling tempest of debate about this pill, but for those of you who need or would like to obtain it, it is readily available.

All of the prices quoted here are hinging on the fact that you have paid a health fee, so don't try to price match my article to Redfern if you haven't paid the money. At a Trojan conference in the spring, I heard rumors of another sexual health report that could come out as soon as this year. Allow me to be a mini-President Barker here for a moment and say that my goal is for Clemson to break the top 20 in the Sexual Health card as soon as we can. The next time you are sexually active, think about USC being 84 spots ahead of us and strap on a free condom or take your birth control pills as a small step in doing what you can for the proud tradition of this fine university.

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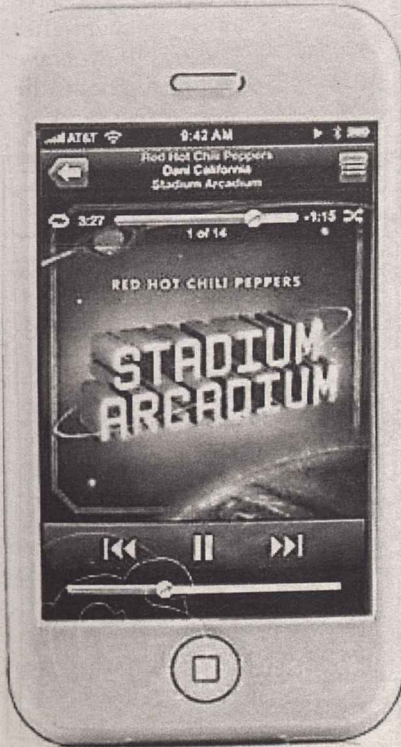
Q. Did you know Helen Keller had a tree house?
A. Neither did she.

Q. What do you call a pig that does karate?
A. A pork chop.

Q. How do dinosaurs pay their bills?
A. With Tyrannosaurus Checks



[tech]



I have a cell phone that doesn't even have a camera. But the new Apple iPhone is the holy grail of cell phone technology. Besides the best web connection and surfing capabilities of any cell phone, the 2-megapixel picture quality is that of any top-of-the-line digital camera. It has visual voicemail so you can listen to your messages in any sequence you choose. The 3.5 inch wide-screen display allows you to use the iPhone the same as your iPod, giving you the capability to watch movies or listen to music. The maps application allows you to download directions and easily locate desired destinations, even look at satellite images. There is even a button on the homep-

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age that directly connects you to YouTube.

The technology behind the flow and dynamics of the iPhone is revolutionary from the OS-X operating system to the multi-touch display. But what makes the iPhone so smooth and unique is the multitude of sensors. The iPhone can sense and adjust to being held vertically or horizontally, and it can sense if it is being held to the ear and will turn off the display to save power. The iPhone's light sensors even adjust to the ambient light.

But despite the sheer awesomeness of the iPhone's capabilities, should you really get an Apple iPhone? If you're an average college student like me, then I would have to say the answer is no. But if you are dead-set on dropping a minimum of \$499, take a look at some reasons why

it is a very bad idea.

YOU WILL BREAK IT!

Whether you're talking on the phone while peeing and drop it in the toilet, (I have seen it happen four times since freshman year), get pushed into the pool with it, or if you are the drunk who jumps in the pool, chances are that you will inevitably screw it up. Other disastrous situations include leaving it where a dog or other small creature can get a hold of it or dropping it due to poor hand-eye coordination.

YOU WILL LOSE IT!

I would say that almost once a week I am invited to a Facebook group for someone who has lost their phone and needs everyone's numbers. And although you may think that this time you will be careful, most of us cannot be held accountable for our actions between the hours of 12 a.m. and

4 a.m. on any given weekend. Therefore, you should honestly not expect that you couldn't lose your phone.

YOU CAN'T AFFORD IT!

Unless you won the lottery, inherited family money, or your parents are loaded and have spoiled you to the point where you are as annoying and self-centered as the cast of "My Super Sweet Sixteen," then chances are you can't afford it. The base price of an Apple iPhone, a 4G to be exact, is \$499.

Take into account the monthly phone bill which can escalate well into the hundreds, the additional accessories, and the fact that the iPhone is uninsurable, and it's just fiscally impractical.

But hey, do what you want. You can't say you weren't warned.

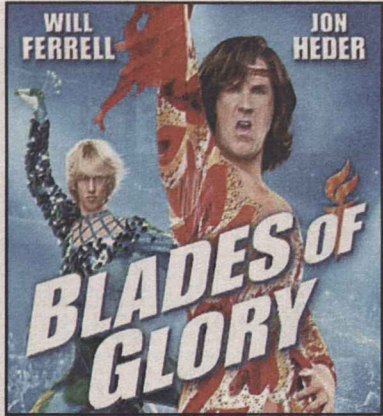
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What's that you say? Will Ferrell only plays one character? You shut your mouth! TimeOut doesn't want to hear it. And we think it's high time another one of Ferrell's ridiculous endeavors becomes available on

DVD for college consumption everywhere. This time around, Ferrell plays a figure skater with (surprise!) a foul mouth, a drinking problem, womanizing habits, and an out-of-control ego matched only by the amount of hair on his pudgy body. Another classic to add to the canon.

Georgia Rule, Sept. 4



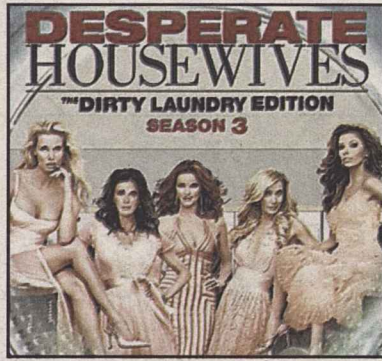
Oh, Lindsay Lohan. TimeOut curses the day that you ever hit puberty. Sadly, gone are the days of your sweet freckles and Disney-brand dimples.

This film starring Lohan before her impressive collection of recent

legal troubles predicts her real-life downward spiral a little too closely. She plays Rachel, an out of control party princess who is sent to be straightened out by her Mormon grandmother (Jane Fonda) in Idaho.

Hopefully, Lindsay will be able to take a lesson from her character and lay off the blow long enough to bounce back into another role which showcases her amazing talent to wear low-cut sweaters.

Desperate Housewives: Season 3, Sept. 4



The seductive residents of Wisteria Lane continue to use their womanly wiles in Season 3 of "Desperate

Housewives." A plot overview is unnecessary because, well, does anyone really care? All you need to know is that this season involves deceit, deception, comas, a possible wedding, and enough middle-aged cleavage to keep you begging for the end of the hour.

The Office: Season 3, September 4

You need this DVD. That is all.

CDs

"Going Way Out with Heavy Trash," Heavy Trash, Sept. 4



Matt Verta-Ray and Jon Spencer are the two musicians behind the rock 'n' roll group Heavy Trash. The two men pull from all genres of music to form a sound as eclectic as their musical backgrounds. Verta-Ray is a Canada native who found inspiration

in Johnny Cash while Spencer has been in blues and rock bands in the past. "Going Way Out with Heavy Trash" reflects both styles. But with track titles like "You Can't Win" and "Outside Chance," Heavy Trash doesn't seem like the most optimistic band.

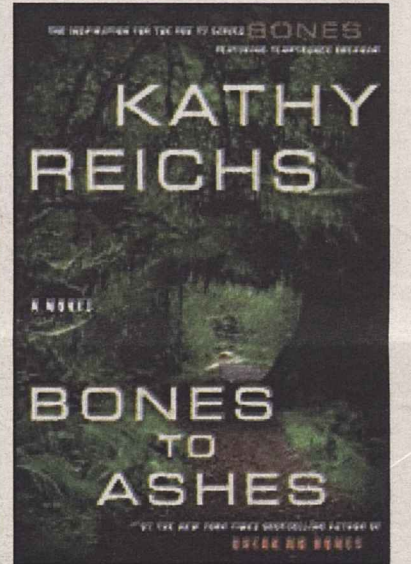
"Happiness, Ltd.," Hot Hot Heat, Sept. 11



Also out of Canada comes Hot Hot Heat with "Happiness, Ltd." Keeping with the title, the album sends the message that happiness in life is outweighed by misery. Their third album, "Happiness Ltd." is expected to be more experimental. However, the band claims they retain their witty lyrics. "Harmonicas and Tamborines," anyone?

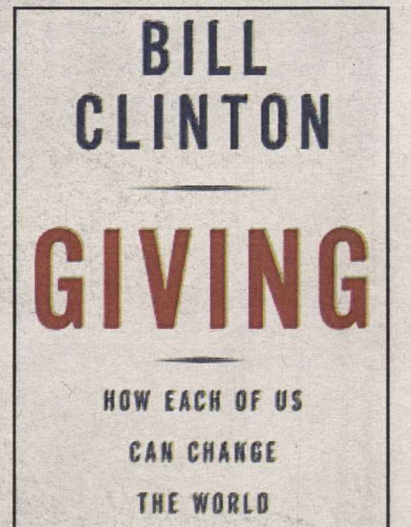
BOOKS

"Bones to Ashes," Kathy Reichs, August 28



This book is for the inner "CSI" lover in all of us. It is the tenth book in story of Temperance Brennan, a forensic anthropologist. As she searches for the answers to a Quebec murder, Temperance must also confront the possibility that it is linked to her childhood best friend's death. And of course, there's a little romance thrown in on the side as well.

"Giving: How Each of Us Can Change the World," Bill Clinton, Sept. 4



TimeOut's favorite president is back! After years of receiving, Bill Clinton is looking to give a little. The former president's new book, "Giving," is a tribute to those who have changed the world. Following the inspiring stories of famous subjects as well as everyday citizens looking to make a difference, Clinton is giving credit where credit is due in the hopes of inspiring a new generation of change.

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BOWMAN BLOCK PARTY

Students relax on Bowman Field during this year's Bowman Block Party, which, in its third year, was co-sponsored by CLEMSONLIVE and Student Media. The event included several artists and bands from around the Southeast and drew its largest crowd yet. The party kicked off with artist Brad Skistimas of Five Times August, whose songs have been featured on shows including "Laguna Beach" and "One Tree Hill."

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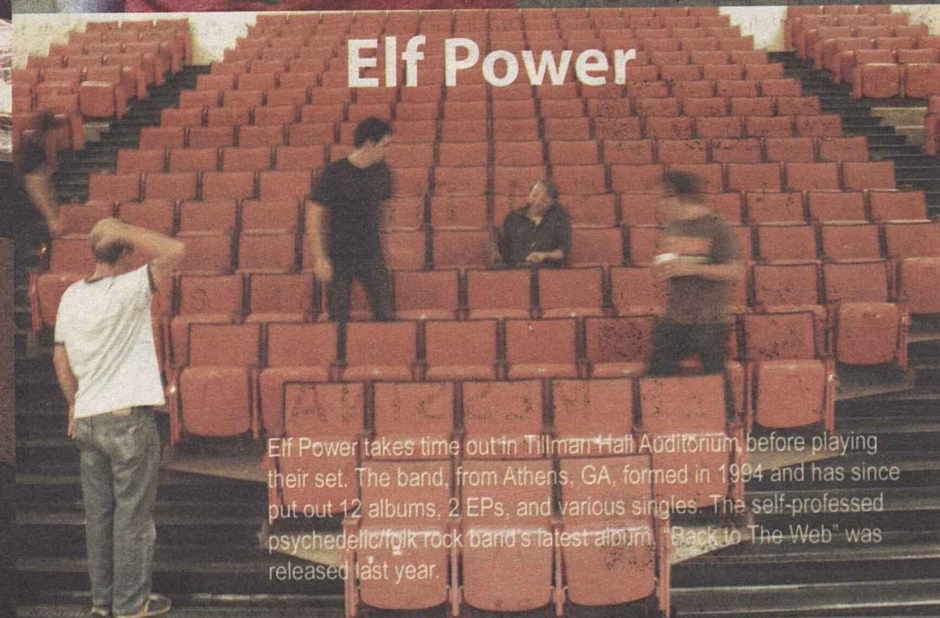


Five Times August



Artist Brad Skistimas of Five Times August stands in front of the Student Bookstore in downtown Clemson as he discusses his views on the roles of MySpace and record labels in today's music industry. Skistimas, whose band name results from his unfortunate last name, has attempted to play down his presence on sites like MySpace and steer clear of signing with a record label, instead keeping a more personal fan base through his own style. "It depends on your definition of success is," Skistimas said. "For some people, it's having your name everywhere, but for me, playing music, knowing my fans, and paying the bills is my success."

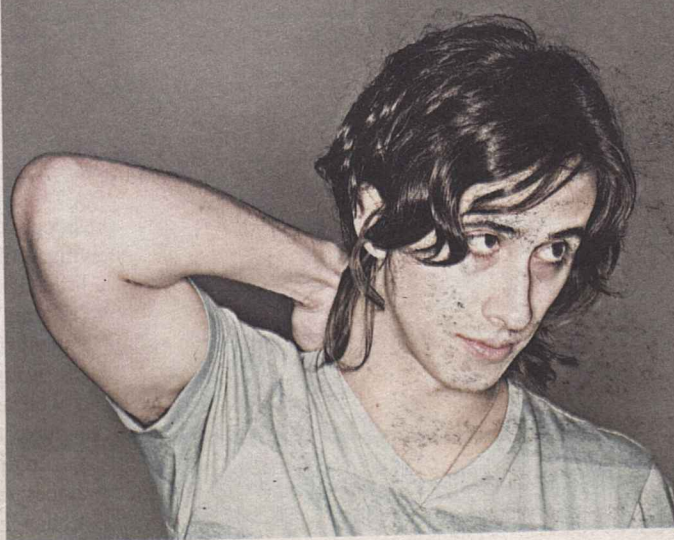
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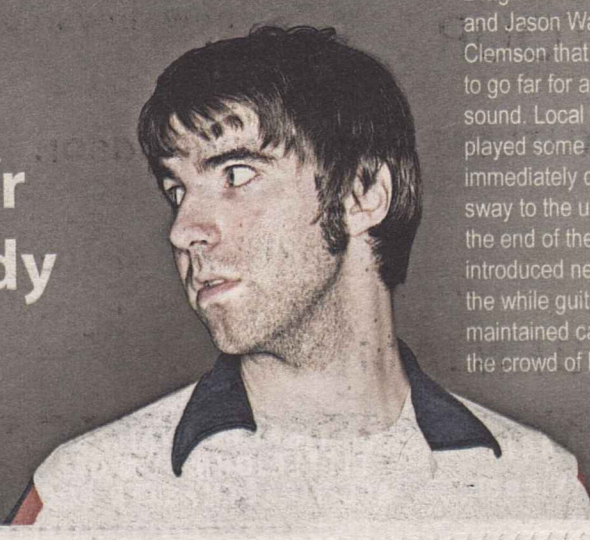
Elf Power takes time out in Tillman Hall Auditorium before playing their set. The band, from Athens, GA, formed in 1994 and has since put out 12 albums, 2 EPs, and various singles. The self-professed psychedelic/folk rock band's latest album, "Back to The Web" was released last year.

The Rosebuds

Kelly Crisp of The Rosebuds takes a phone call in her dressing room before performing with her band. The band's latest album, "Night of the Furies," is a collection of seemingly contradictory elements: Roman mythology fused with the trends of modern culture, and gloomy themes expressed through driving, 80s-reminiscent beats. Crisp describes the album as "a political statement blanketed by figurative language."



By'r Lady



Dwight Hutchenson, Ben Shealy and Jason Walters (r-l) show Clemson that they don't have to go far for a fast-paced indie sound. Local band By'r Lady played some familiar favorites, immediately causing the crowd to sway to the upbeat rock. Toward the end of the show, the band introduced new material, and all the while guitarist Hutchenson maintained casual dialogue with the crowd of his peers.

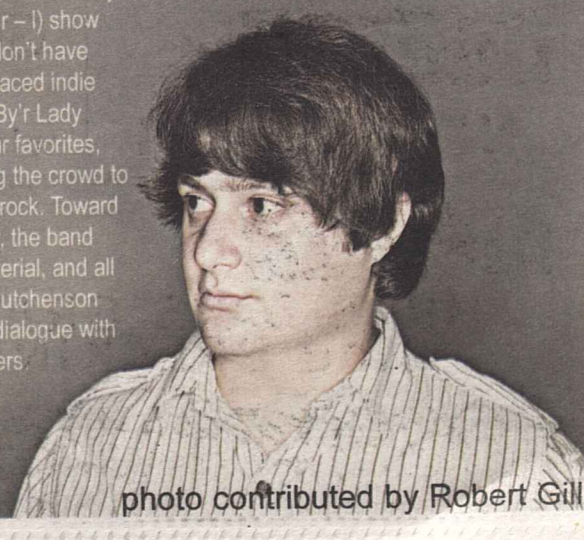


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